

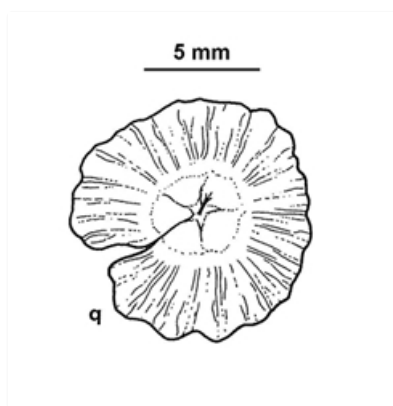
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Black Cotton Bush

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Often a colonizer of disturbed ground. **Woodland, shrubland, grassland**, disturbed sites, and floodplains. Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub or **perennial** herb to 0.50 m tall. Stems sparsely to moderately hairy. Leaves fleshy, **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-1.1 cm long, narrow cylindrical, hairless. Flowers small, tubular, with 5 '**petals**', hairless, or the margins of the '**petals**' fringed. Flowers single, but crowded into leafy **spikes** at the ends of the branchlets. Seed cases pink to white or tinged orange, drying dark brown to black, 6-10 mm in diameter, hairless, tubular, the tube shallowly hemispherical, 2.5-3 mm in diameter, with a single horizontal **wing** with one radial slit.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Maireana~decalvans> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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