

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



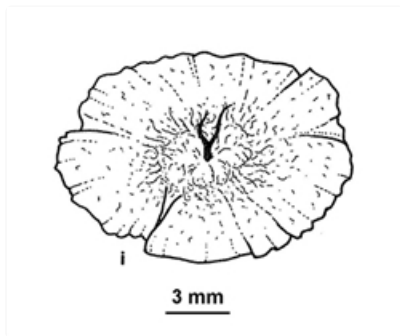
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Common name

None

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Range of vegetation species. Colonising species. Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb with a woody base, to 0.2 m tall, or **prostrate** or sprawling. Leaves with sharp tips. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–2 cm long, 1.5–3 mm wide, covered with tawny hairs. Flowers tubular, with 5 '**petals**', **subtended** by a pair of small **bracteoles**, immersed in **cottony** hairs. Flowers single. Seed cases cream to greenish or golden yellow or tinged pink, brown when dry, 10–12 mm in diameter, tubular, the tube conical, 3–4 mm in diameter at the tips, firm and rather thick-walled, hairy on the upper side of the body and horizontal **wing**, hairless below. Horizontal wing with a radial fold which sometimes develops into a slit.

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

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