

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



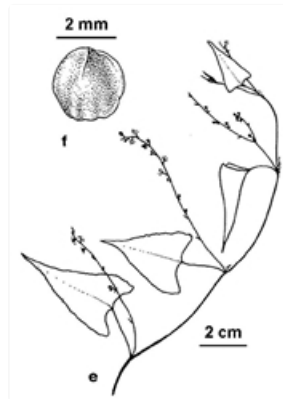
Male flowering stems and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Fruit. Photographer Jackie Miles



Fruiting stem. Seed on finger. Photographer Jackie Miles



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## Common name

Slender Lignum

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and along streams. Coastal. Ranges north from Deua National Park.

## Notes

Slender twiner, stems to 2 m long or more, often sprawling. Fruit sometimes fleshy. Stems longitudinally **striate**, hairless or with scattered warts, green to red-brown. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–12 cm long, 10–55 mm wide, tips long-pointed, surfaces mostly minutely and irregularly white-rough, margins finely and irregularly frilly. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers yellow-green, with 5 '**petals**', each 1–2 mm long, free from each other almost to the base. Female flowers slightly longer at the seeding stage but remaining membranous. Flowers in small clusters within very slender, interrupted, **spike**-like, often branched, clusters 4–15 cm long. Flowers mostly Nov.–Mar.

Endangered Vic. Listed in Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act Vic.

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

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