

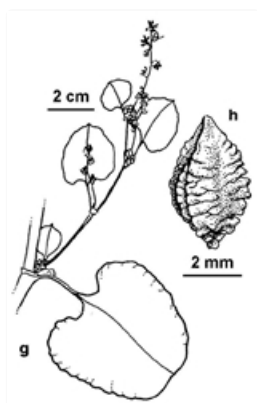
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Female flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings: g. flowering branch; h. nut. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Wrinkle-nut lignum

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Forest, rocky slopes, and near streams. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Shrub to about 2 m high or sprawling. **Perianth** occasionally fleshy. Glaucons. Stems smooth or finely **striate**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–12 cm long 20–120 mm wide, strongly **glaucons**, margins flat or slightly wavy, usually not frilly, tips blunt to rounded, sometimes shallowly notched, bases **cordate**. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers yellow-green, with 5 '**petals**', each 2–4 mm long, free from each other almost to the base, female flowers elongating to about 6 mm long at the seeding stage but usually remaining membranous. Flowers in interrupted, **spike**-like or branched clusters 3–20 cm long. Flowers mostly Sep.–Jan. Nuts triangular in cross section, 3–6 mm long, black, more or less dull, strongly transversely wrinkled.

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

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