

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



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Common name

Native pellitory, Shade pellitory

Family

Urticaceae

Where found

Damp or shady situations in a variety of **habitats**. Widespread. Common in the Blue Mountains and Kanangra-Boyd National Park.

Notes

Annual herb to 0.3 m high. Sometimes rooting at the **nodes**. Stems slightly to densely hairy, sometimes with scattered **glandular** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–4.5 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, more or less hairy, sometimes sticky, bases rounded, sometimes almost **cordate**, tips blunt. Leaf stalks 10–30 mm long. Male, female, and bisexual flowers on the same plant. Flowers about 1.0–2.5 mm long, green, with 4 '**petals**', in 2–10 flowered clusters. Flowers Aug.–Nov.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Parietaria~debilis> (accessed 30 January, 2021)

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