

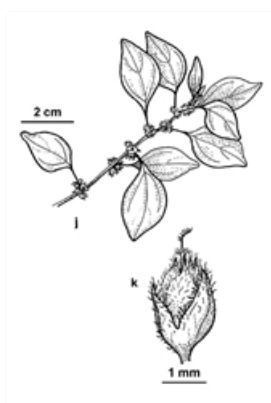
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer M.Crisp, Gremorne



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings. j. branch; k. flower and bracts. M. Mair, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Pellitory, Asthma Weed, Pellitory of the Wall, Wall Pellitory

Family

Urticaceae

Where found

Roadsides, gardens, walls, footpaths, embankments, rocky crevices, cliffs, coastal environs, seepage areas, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area and the Blue Mountains. Occasionally farther south.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1 m high, or sprawling. Stems somewhat 4-angled, reddish brown to greenish-brown or green, densely covered in hooked or irregularly curled hairs and scattered **glandular** and curved **simple** hairs, sometimes becoming woody with age. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1–8 cm long, 5–30 mm wide, upper surface glossy, both surfaces distinctly hairy especially along the **veins**, tips pointed or with a small abrupt point, sometimes blunt. Leaf stalks 5–20 mm long. Male, female, and bisexual flowers in separate clusters on the same plant. Flowers greenish, often turning reddish or reddish-brown as they mature, with 4 '**petals**'. Female flowers about 2 mm long, bisexual flowers 3–3.5 mm long. Bisexual flowers numerous. Male and female flowers few. Flowers in 3–5 flowered clusters, often close together, forming many-flowered clusters. Flowers for most of the year.

The curled hairs on the plant make dispersal easy by sticking to animals and people, especially from clothing and trousers and machinery.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

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

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