

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Stems with flowers and fruit. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Fruiting stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, east of Emerald, Qld



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Common name

Wiry spurge

Family

Phyllanthaceae

Where found

Mainly Sydney area and north. Blue Mountains. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb or **shrub** to 0.5 m high, or **prostrate**, with many stems from the base. Stems hairless or rough. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–2 cm long, 2–7 mm wide, lower surface paler. Male and female flowers usually on different plants. Flowers with mostly 6 'petals' each 0.5–0.75 mm long. Flowers single, or male flowers 2-3 together. Flowering: spring to summer. Seed case hairless, 1.5–3 mm in diameter.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Phyllanthus~virgatus> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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