

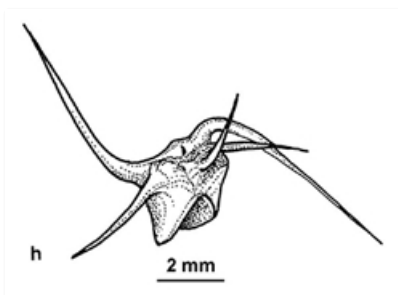
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leafy stems with burrs. Photographer Rosemary Purdie, Beard, ACT.jpg



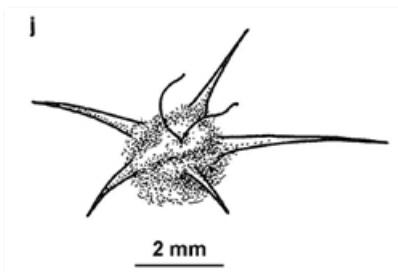
Shrub (var. *muricata*). Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Line drawing (var. *muricata*). h. burr. MMBir, M, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board



Shrub (var. *villosa*). Photographer Russell Best, near Melbourne, Vic



Line drawing (var. *villosa* as *Sclerolaena convexula*). j. burr. MMBir, M, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board



Young burrs and leaves (var. *semiglabra*). Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Plant (var. *semiglabra*). Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW

Common name

Black Rolypoly

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Woodland, shrubland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and areas subject to inundation. Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub or **annual** or **perennial** herb to about 1.5 m tall, with many entangled branches. Stems hairless to hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-2.5 cm long, 1-2 mm wide, often flat, hairy to hairless. Flowers tiny (less than 3 mm in diameter), cup-shaped, with 3-5 lobes, single. Burrs hairy to hairless, with three longer spines plus one or two shorter spines.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Always check native vegetation requirements before undertaking control of a weedy native plant.

Var. muricata: Plant hairless or almost hairless, **glaucous**. Leaves **linear** to narrow oblong, mostly 0.5-1.5 cm long, rarely to 25 mm long. Burr bodies hairless, spines hairy with minute hairs.

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Var. semiglabra: Stems and leaves sparsely hairy. Leaves somewhat wider than those of the other two varieties, never linear, 0.5-1 cm long. Burrs somewhat **woolly** only when young.

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Var. villosa: Stems minutely woolly. Leaves densely hairy at least when young, linear to narrow elliptic. Burrs woolly when mature.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sclerolaena-muricata> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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