

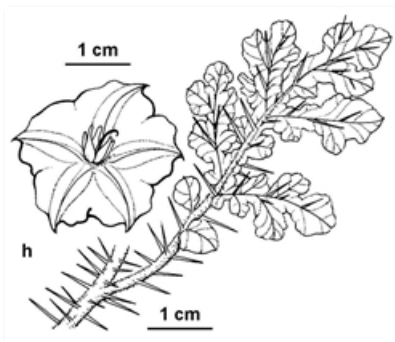
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Buffalo Burr, Pincushion Nightshade

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Crops and waste places, often on floodplains. ACT and Western Slopes, occasionally on the tablelands.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to about 1 m high. Prickles to 10 mm long, abundant on most parts of the plant. Ripe fruit mostly or wholly enclosed by the **calyx** to form a spiny burr. Stems green or grey-green, hairy with **stellate** and minute **glandular** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, sometimes **compound**, mostly 2–10 cm long, 10–80 mm wide, deeply lobed, the lower lobes often forming leaflets, surfaces stellate hairy, margins irregularly wavy. Flowers bright yellow, about 25–40 mm in diameter, with a short tube and 5 **spreading** irregular lobes, 1 or 2 longer than the rest, in few- to 10-flowered clusters. Flowers mostly summer and autumn. Fruit dry when mature, blackish, round, about 10 mm in diameter, skin papery.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Solanum-rostratum> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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