

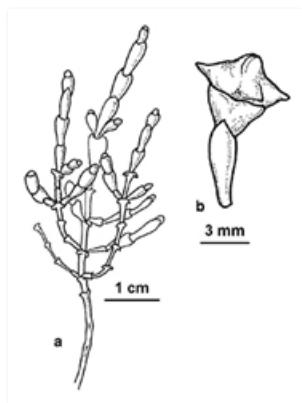
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Fructing stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Line drawings (as *Sclerostegia arbuscula*). a. fructing branch; b. fructing segment. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

None

## Family

Chenopodiaceae

## Where found

Salt marshes and other saline sites. Coastal south of Nowra.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb or **shrub** to about 2 m tall. Fleshy stems and the **bracts** around the flowers. Stems hairless, **glaucous** or dull green, segmented. The fleshy part of the stems eventually shrivelling and falling away leaving the woody middle. Leaves opposite each other, reduced to dry membranous lobes. Flowers in 3s, the middle flower bisexual, the **lateral** flowers male. Flowers tiny (less than 3 mm in diameter), with 2-3 '**petals**', the flowers fused to each other and to the **bract** above, and forming **spikes** 3-12 mm long, comprised of 2-6 **segments** similar to but shorter than the non-flowering segments. Flowers mostly Jul.-Sep. Seed cases dry, hard.

Was *Sclerostegia arbuscula*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tecticornia-arbuscula> (accessed 9 February, 2021)

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