

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Broulee Island, Broulee



Flowering stems. Photographer John Tann, Gerroa

Common name

New Zealand spinach, Native spinach, Warrigal greens

Family

Aizoaceae

Where found

Beaches, among rocks, and the margins of coastal lakes. Coast. Sydney area away from the coast. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Annual or short lived **perennial** herb, **prostrate**, branches to about 1 m. long. Stems warty, fleshy when young. Leaves somewhat fleshy, **alternating** along the stems, 2-10 cm long, 10-50 mm wide, prominently warty, hairless. Flowers with 4-5 green to yellow '**petals**', each about 2 mm long. Flowers single or in pairs. Flowers most of year. Fruit 4-6 **winged** or angled, at first green and fleshy but becoming pale brown and hard.

Alternative spelling is ***Tetragonia tetragonioides***.

PlantNET description (as ***Tetragonia tetragonioides***): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tetragonia~tetragonioides> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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