

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, ACT



Mature burr and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, ACT



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Common name

Cat-head, Caltrop

Family

Zygophyllaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, disturbed sites, roadsides, and stream banks. Western Slopes, tablelands, and the ACT. Sydney area.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb, **prostrate**, stems to 1m long. Seed cases spiny. Plant hairy when young. Leaves opposite each other, **compound**, with 8-16 leaflets each 0.4-1.2 cm long, 1-5 mm wide, sparsely hairy above, hairy below, tips blunt or pointed. Flowers yellow, 6-18 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**. Flowers single. Flowers Spring to Autumn. Seed cases with 5 sections, each with 2 very divergent spines 3-8 mm long pointing up, and 2 shorter basal spines 1-4 mm long pointing down.

Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Tribulus~terrestris> (accessed 10 February, 2021)

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