

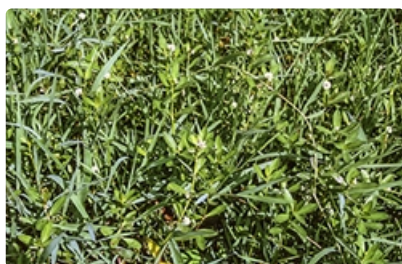
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Alligator weed

## Family

Amaranthaceae

## Where found

Aquatic, moist places, and moist pastures. ACT. Sydney region and lower Blue Mountains north from Camden. Occasionally coastal north of Moruya.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb, **prostrate** or upright. Free-floating when aquatic. **Stoloniferous**, rooting at the **nodes**. Can form dense mats of vegetation up to 1 metre thick. Stems up to 10 m long, hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 2-14 cm long, 10-40 mm wide, margins **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers whitish, turning straw-coloured, with 5 papery '**petals**', each 4-7 mm long, in almost globular to globular clusters of few to several flowers 8-20 mm in diameter. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in Greater Sydney area. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Alternanthera-philoxeroides> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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