

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Mke Sim, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Khaki weed

Family

Amaranthaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, disturbed sites, road sides, and along streams. Mainly in the Sydney area. Localised infestations in the ACT, and on the tablelands and Western Slopes. One coastal sighting at Jamberoo.

Notes

Introduced ephemeral or **perennial** herb, **prostrate** with stems to 60 cm long, or to 0.15 m tall. Flower **heads** and seed cases with many sharp points. Stems hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5-6 cm long, 6-30 mm wide, hairless to sparsely hairy, tips often with a straight **mucro**. Flowers 3.5–5 mm long, yellowish to greenish turning brownish, with 5 sharp pointed chaffy '**petals**', in globular to oval clusters 8-15 mm long and to 10 mm wide.. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

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=Alternanthera-pungens> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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