

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



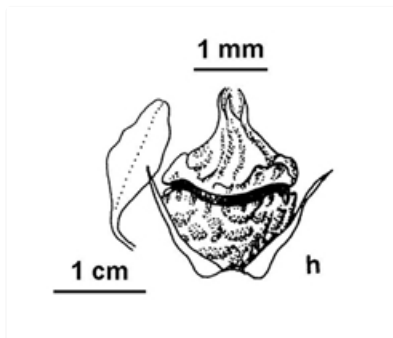
Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Little River, Vic



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Little River, Vic



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Boorowa and Crookwell



Line drawings. h. leaf; seed case. EMMayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Tumbleweed, Stiff Tumbleweed

Family

Amaranthaceae

Where found

Pastures, roadsides, disturbed sites, and along streams. Sydney area, tablelands, ACT, and Western Slopes. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb less than 1 m high or sprawling. Commonly breaking off near ground level at maturity, and dispersing in tumbleweed-fashion. Bracteoles below the flowers spiny tipped. Stems pale, sometimes turning red at maturity, almost hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.2-5 cm long, 2–20 mm wide, margins **entire**, tips with a **mucro**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers inconspicuous, greenish, with 3 '**petals**' each 1-2 mm long, **bracts** 3-4 mm long, **bracteoles** about 2 mm long. Flowers in few-flowered unisexual clusters about 5 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Amaranthus~albus> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

Author: Betty Wood.



Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition