

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, near Candelo



Young and old seed cases. Photographer Jackie Mles



Young plant. Photographer Jackie Mles

## Common name

Mexican poppy

## Family

Papaveraceae

## Where found

Roadsides, disturbed sites, and along streams. ACT and the Sydney area. Sporadic elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** (possibly **perennial**) herb or **shrub** to 1.5 m tall. Leaf tips, **sepals**, and seed cases spiny. Stems **glaucous**, hairless. Basal leaves soon withering. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7-20 cm long, 20-100 mm wide, hairless, often glaucous, margins lobed and toothed, with spines at the ends of the lobes and teeth, bases stem clasping. Flowers 30-70 mm in diameter, cream to pale yellow, with 4-6 **petals**, easily shed. Flowers mostly Spring and Summer.

General Biosecurity Duty in all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Argemone~ochroleuca~subsp.+ochroleuca> (accessed 28 May 2021)

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