

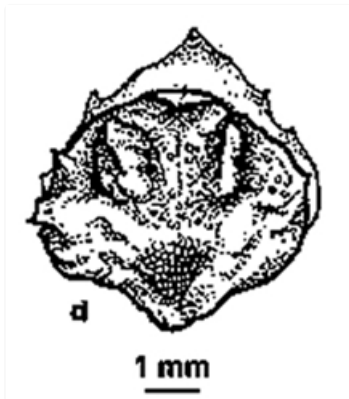
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding plant. Photographer Jackie Miles, Bournda Education Centre south of Tathra



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles, Bournda Education Centre south of Tathra



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Common name

Native Orache

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Margins of saline marshes & the shores of coastal lakes. Coastal. Occasionally in the ranges. Sydney area.

Notes

Annual herb to 1 m high or sprawling. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–10 cm long, 15–40 mm wide. Lower leaves lance **head** shaped or narrow diamond-shaped, often lobed, hairless or **mealy** on the lower surface, upper leaves grading to **linear** upwards on the stems, smaller than the lower leaves. Male and female flowers on the same plant, small. Male flowers with 5 '**petals**', lacking **bracteoles**. Female flowers usually with 0 '**petals**', but **subtended** by a pair of bracteoles, free from each other from midway or the lower, which enlarge and cover the seed case at maturity. Flowers in mixed clusters, **spike**-like or clustered at the bases of the leaves.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/e040806a-5373-476d-961e-f8c1668909f0> (accessed 11 January 2021)

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