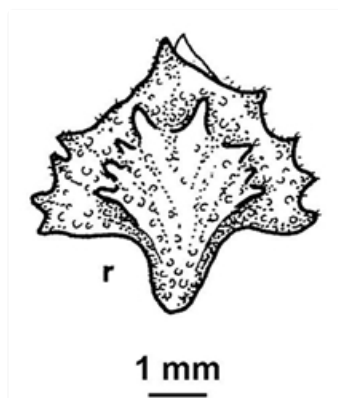


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Spiny-fruit saltbush

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, and disturbed sites. Mainly Western Slopes. Several records in and near Queanbeyan.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.3 m high, **prostrate** to sprawling. Seed cases with 1-several short spines. Stems **wiry**. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.3-3 cm long, 2-4 mm wide, scaly hairy, sometimes virtually hairless on the upper surface, margins **entire** to toothed, and flat or wavy. Male and female flowers on the same plant, small, **mealy**. Male flowers with 5 '**petals**', lacking **bracteoles**. Female flowers usually with 0 '**petals**', but **subtended** by a pair of free or fused bracteoles which enlarge and cover the seed case at maturity. Male flowers in small clusters at the tops of the stems or at the base of the upper leaves. Female flowers single or few at the bases of the leaves.

Endangered Vic.

Hybridises with *Atriplex semibaccata* where the two species occur together.

PlantNET description with photos: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Atriplex-spinibractea> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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