

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mimosas Rocks National Park east of Bega



Flowering and fruiting stem. Photographer Don Wood, Tomakin, south of Batemans Bay



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Common name

Sea rocket

Family

Brassicaceae

Where found

Foredunes, seashores, and islands. Coastal. One record from suburban Sydney away from the beach.

Notes

Introduced annual or rarely **perennial** herb to 0.8 m high, or sprawling. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, fleshy, yellow-green, mostly 6–10 cm long, deeply **dissected** with 2–4 pairs of lobes, toothed, or **entire**. Flowers with 4 **petals** each 8–14 mm long, white to purple. Flowers in clusters. Seed cases 12–27 mm long, 4–8 mm wide, breaking between the upper and lower **segments**. Lower segment of the seed cases bearing 2 **lateral** blunt horns towards the top, almost as wide as the upper segment.

Hybridises with *Cakile edentula*. Intermediates between the two species are common or dominant in some areas.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cakile~maritima> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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