

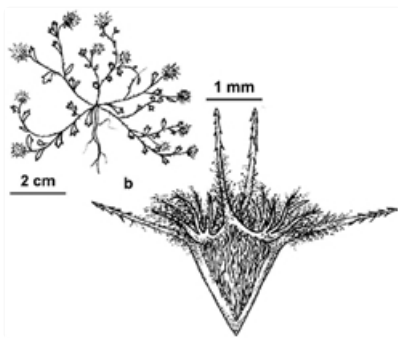
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Bogan flea

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Variety of **habitats**, including pastures, disturbed ground, and damp sites. Sydney area. Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Annual herb to 0.1 m tall, or **prostrate** to sprawling and often forming dense mats. Hairy to bristly. 'Seeds' 1–2.5 mm long, hairy, with 4–6 spines, barbed at the tips. 'Seeds' stick to clothing. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.5–2 cm long, 1–8 mm wide, rough to hairy, margins **entire** or the margins or tips with 3–5 teeth. Flower **heads** about 3 mm in diameter in flower, enlarging rapidly to about 10 mm in seed, whitish green, with about 10 tiny yellow '**petals**', in open many-flowered clusters, often appearing single.

Definite identification of all species of *Calotis* is made by examining the seeds.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Calotis~hispidula> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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