

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



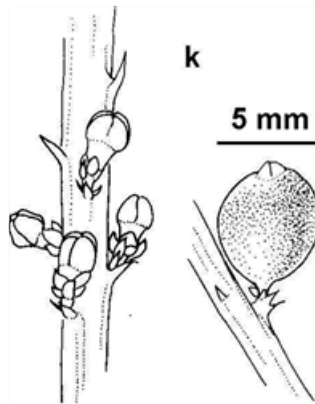
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Common name

Dwarf sour bush, Sour bush

Family

Santalaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and **heath.** Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m high or sprawling, arising from a woody **rhizome** or rootstock. Branches hairless, rigid, cylindrical, 1-2 mm wide, older branch tips almost spiny, sometimes slightly grooved or scarcely angled. Leaves scale-like, 0.5–2 mm long, **appressed** to slightly **spreading, alternating** up the stems, sometimes absent. Flowers 3-4 mm in diameter, with 5 white or cream '**petals**' about 1 mm long. Flowers single. Flowering: spring-summer, sporadically throughout the year. Fruit initially fleshy, dry when mature, green.

Occasional intermediates between *Choretrum candollei* and *Choretrum pauciflorum* are known.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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