

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Fruiting stems. Photographer Don Wood, Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden



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Shrub. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW

Common name

Ruby saltbush

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **mallee**, **shrubland**, and disturbed sites. Beaches, dunes, and other saline sites. Coastal and Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb or **shrub** to about 1 m tall or **spreading** to **prostrate**. Leaves fleshy. Stems grooved, hairy to hairless, sometimes **glaucous**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-2 cm long, cylindrical to flattened cylindrical or cigar-shaped, hairy to hairless, sometimes glaucous. Flowers about 1 mm in diameter, with 5 **perianth** lobes. Ripe fruit edible, purple, red, orange, or yellow, drying black, 3-8 mm in diameter, flattened globular.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Enchylaena~tomentosa> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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