

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seed cases. Photographer Kevin Thiele, WA



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## Common name

Wingless Bluebush

## Family

Chenopodiaceae

## Where found

Variety of **habitats**. Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** or **perennial** herb to about 0.3 m high or sprawling. Seed cases with spine-like **wings**. Leaves somewhat fleshy. Stems variably hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–2 cm long, flat to almost cylindrical, sparsely to densely hairy, tips pointed. Flowers small, tubular, with 5 '**petals**', the '**petals**' densely and hairy with short hairs. Flowers single, usually forming dense leafy **spikes**. Seed cases hairy, 3.5–5 mm in diameter, with 5 spine-like wings, and 5 lobed or divided spine-like **erect** appendages on the body.

*Maireana sclerolaenoides* in NSW.

PlantNET description (as *Maireana sclerolaenoides*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Maireana-sclerolaenoides> (accessed 1 May 2021)

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