

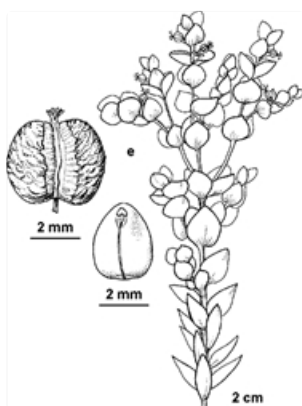
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seedling plant. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park south of Narooma



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Apollo Bay, Vic.



Line drawings: e. fruiting branch; seed case; seed. E Mayfield, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Sea spurge

Family

Euphorbiaceae

Where found

On sandy soils near the sea. **Shrubland**, heath, grasslands and coastal **herbfields**, beaches, coastal dunes, and in sand in cracks between rocks on rocky shorelines. Coastal south from Jervis bay. Rarely farther north.

Notes

Perennial herb to about 0.70 m high growing from a woody base. Stems somewhat fleshy, hairless, **glaucous**, with a milky sap. Leaves crowded, overlapping each other, 0.5–3 cm long, 2–15 mm wide, fleshy, tips pointed to blunt, bases often slightly **cordate**, margins **entire**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers yellowish green, tiny, with 0 **petals**, in small **heads** that look like a single flower, each **head** with several male flowers surrounding 1 female flower. Flower heads single, the **bracts subtending** them cup-shaped. **Glands** at the base of the female flowers orange, obvious. Flowers Sep.–June. Seed cases 4.5–6 mm in diameter.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Greater Sydney area and the South East area of NSW

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Euphorbia~paralias> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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