

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves (subsp. *micranthus*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Barrington Tops National Park



Flowering plant (subsp. *micranthus*). Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



Flowering plant (subsp. *micranthus*). Photographer Don Wood, Corin Rd, ACT

## Common name

Creeping Raspwort (subsp. *micranthus*).

A raspwort (subsp. *ramosissimus*)

## Family

Haloragaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, grassy areas, roadsides, along streams, and in swampy areas. Widespread.

subsp. *micranthus*: Widespread.

subsp. *ramosissimus*: Coast, ranges, and tablelands, north from Ulladulla. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.6 m high, or sprawling to **prostrate**. Stems cylindrical, thin and **wiry**, hairless, slightly hairy, or slightly rough. Leaves opposite each other, 0.3–1.5 cm long, 3–11 mm wide, bases rounded or **cordate**, margins thickened, toothed with many small teeth, surfaces more or less hairless. Flowers with 4 reddish to purplish hooded **petals** each 0.8–1.5 mm long, and 8 **stamens**. Flowers in **spike**-like clusters. Seed cases reddish to grey, oval, up to 1 mm long, 8-ribbed, smooth. (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

**subsp. micranthus**: Plants rooting at the **nodes**, mat-forming, prostrate or sprawling, up to 0.1 m high. Leaves usually less than 0.8 cm long. Flower clusters narrow, unbranched or scarcely branched (only to the second order).

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

**subsp. ramosissimus**: Plants **erect**, 0.25–0.6 mm high. Leaves more than 0.8 cm long. Flower clusters wide, branching to the third or fourth order.

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PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gonocarpus-micranthus> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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