

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

A raspwort

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

Swampy areas. Coast and ranges north from west of Wollongong.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.40 m high. Stems not conspicuously angled; almost hairless, or sparsely hairy with **appressed** hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 0.6–2 cm long, usually 1–2 mm wide, margins more or less **entire** or with a few small teeth towards the leaf tips. Flowers red-brown to yellowish, with 4 hooded **petals** each 2.5–2.8 mm long. Flowers in **spike**-like clusters. Seed cases silver-grey, oval, 1–1.5 mm long, 8-ribbed, sometimes with 2 or 3 hard protuberances between the ribs. (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

PlantNET description with line drawings: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gonocarpus~salsoloides> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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