

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles, Bungonia Creek



Stems with seed cases. Photographer Jackie Mles, Bungonia Creek



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Common name

A raspwort

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and grassy areas. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and Western Slopes, east from Wagga Wagga and the Olympic Highway, and north from the Tumut and Nowra districts.

Notes

Shrub or **perennial** herb to 0.6 m high, with a **stoloniferous** rootstock. Stems 4 ribbed, rough with curved hairs along the ribs. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 2.5–4.5 cm long, 6–8 mm wide, margins toothed with 10–30 small teeth, hairless, or rough on the margins and **midrib**. Flowers with 4 yellow to green **petals** 2.4–2.9 mm long, and 2 **styles**, in clusters of 1–3 flowers. Seed cases oblong to oval, 2–3 mm long, weakly ribbed, more or less wrinkled in the lower part (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Haloragis~serra> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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