

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



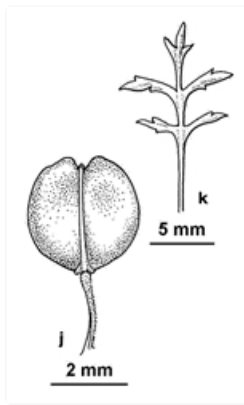
Flowers. Photographer Bart Wursten, Zimbabwe



Seed cases. Photographer Bart Wursten, Zimbabwe



Flowering and seeding plant. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Line drawings. j. seed case; k. basal leaf. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Argentine peppergrass, Peppergrass

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Weed. **Woodland**, pastures, lawns, gardens, crops, footpaths, parks, roadsides, disturbed sites and along streams. Widespread. Mostly Sydney area and the ACT.

## Notes

Introuced **annual** or **biennial** herb to to 0.50 m high, covered with very short soft hairs. Basal leaves 3–8 cm long, deeply **dissected**, with 5-7 lobes to 2 mm wide. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, becoming smaller up the stems, to 5 cm long, 1–4 mm wide, **compound** or dissected to toothed. Flowers tiny, with 4 white **petals** shorter than the **sepals**, and 4 sepals 0.5-1 mm long. Flowers in a dense unbranched cluster which elongates in seed. Flowers summer–autumn. Seed cases almost circular, 2–4 mm long, 2–3 mm wide, hairless, with narrow **wings** in the upper half, tips with an open notch. (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see.) Stalks of seed cases **spreading**, 2–5 mm long, hairy on the upper surface.

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

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