

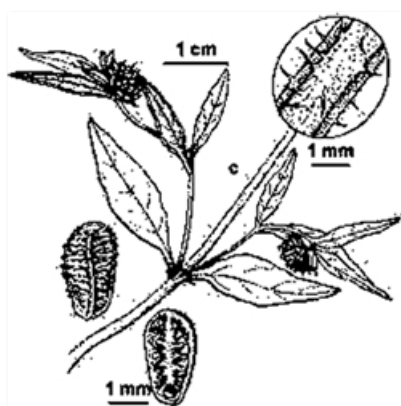
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, above Kambah Pool, Murrumbidgee River, ACT



Stem with seed cases. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Tuggeranong Hill, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. c. stems with seed cases; stem detail; seeds. MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Hairy stinkweed

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, gardens, rocky sites, and stream banks. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb or **shrub** to 0.3 m high or **prostrate**. Stems arising from a central taproot, cylindrical, grooved, with sparse to dense bristly hairs. Plant has an unpleasant smell. Leaves opposite each other, 1–3.5 cm long, 4–12 mm wide, tips pointed, surfaces rough on the upper surface, paler on the lower surface, **midrib** rough, margins curved or rolled down. Flowers green and purplish, 1.5–3 mm long, with 3–5 **petals** more or less fused at their bases. Flower **heads** spherical, with 15–30 flowers, on curved down stalks mostly 2–15 mm long. Seeding heads 4–10 mm in diameter. Flowering: spring–summer.

Definite identification of species of *Opercularia* in part requires microscopic examination of the seeds, beyond the scope of this key.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Opercularia-hispida> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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