

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Stem with flowers and seed fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Townsville, Qld



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Common name

Hen and chicken

Family

Phyllanthaceae

Where found

Naturalised. Mostly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb to 2 m high. Hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–2.5 cm long, 2–10 mm wide, margins flat, more or less wavy, lower surface paler. Male and female flowers usually on the same plant. Flowers with 6 white '**petals**' each about 1 mm long. Flowers single, or 2-3 males and 1-2 females together. Flowering: mainly summer. Seed case greenish, 1.5–2 mm in diameter.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Phyllanthus-tenellus> (accessed 31 January, 2021)

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