

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



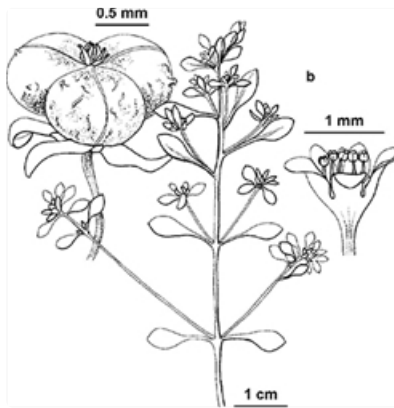
Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Cabrumurra



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Namadgi National Park, ACT



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Line drawings. b. seed case; flowering branch; male flower. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Small poranthera

Family

Phyllanthaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, grassy areas, and roadsides. Widespread.

Notes

Annual herb to 0.2 m tall or sprawling, hairless, sometimes somewhat **glaucous**. Leaves opposite each other to **alternating** up the stems, 0.2-1.6 cm long, 1-5 mm wide, flattish in cross section, hairless, sometimes somewhat glaucous, margins slightly curved down or sometimes flat, tips blunt, usually with a short point. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers with 5 white, green, or pink **sepals** each 0.4-1.5 mm long, and 5 white, pink, or pale mauve **petals** 0.2-0.6 mm long. Petals sometimes 0 in female flowers. Flowers in clusters 3-8 mm in diameter. Flowers most of the year.

Family was Euphorbiaceae.

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

The description above is partly taken from Halford, D.A. & Henderson, R.J.F. (2005) Studies in Euphorbiaceae, s. lat. 6. A revision of the genus *Poranthera* Rudge (Antidesmeae, Porantherinae) in Australia. *Austrobaileya* 7 (1): pages 16-19.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Poranthera-microphylla> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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