

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer Murray Fagg, Cocoparra National Park, NSW



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, north of Sunbury, Vic

## Common name

Pussy Tails, Cats Paws

## Family

Amaranthaceae

## Where found

Mallee, woodland, shrubland, grassland, and swales and depressions. Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, **prostrate**, stems to 0.4 m long. Leaves somewhat fleshy. Stems hairy at least below the flowers, or sparsely hairy, often reddish. Leaves clustered at the base of the plant and **alternating** along the stems, almost hairless, tips blunt. Basal leaves 2 to about 7 cm long, to 10 mm wide. Stem leaves smaller. Flowers brownish to green or yellow-green, with 5 '**petals**' 9–14 mm long, free from each other almost to the base. Flower **spikes** 20–120 mm long, oval to cylindrical, pointing up, single. Flowers winter-spring.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ptilotus~spathulatus> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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