

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



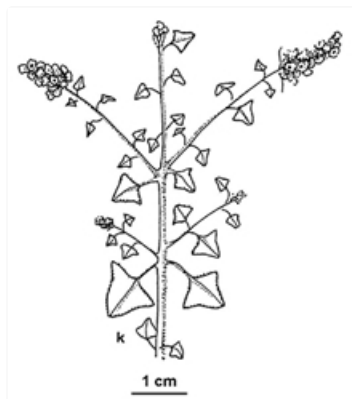
Female flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



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## Common name

Spiny Saltbush, Berry Saltbush, Hedge Saltbush

## Family

Chenopodiaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, **shrubland**, grassy areas, and near water. Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Older branchlets often spine-tipped. Fruit fleshy. Young branches covered with inflated hairs that often collapse and form a **mealy** layer on the surface. Leaves opposite or almost opposite each other, 0.5-2 cm long, 2–15 mm wide, **scurfy** to mealy, grey-green or whitish, tips blunt. Male and female flowers mostly on different plants; flowers occasionally bisexual. Flowers grey-green or whitish, mealy on the outer surface, with 5 '**petals**' to about 1.5 mm long, united at the base. Flowers in branched or **spike**-like clusters. Flowers mostly Jan.–Apr. Fruit pink, orange, or red to purple, 3-6 mm in diameter, surrounded at the base with mealy grey-green or whitish fleshy enlarged '**petals**'.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Rhagodia~spinescens> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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