

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



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



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Gluepot Reserve, SA



Shrub. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Line drawing. j. fruiting branch. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Spiny Goosefoot

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Mallee, shrubland, grassy sites, and rocky areas. Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m tall. Spine tipped branchlets. Leaves fleshy. Fruit usually fleshy. Young branches covered with inflated hairs that often

collapse and form a **mealy** layer on the surface. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, often clustered, 0.2-1 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, often mealy to **scurfy**, dull green to greyish. Sometimes leafless. Male and female flowers on different plants. Male flowers green, scurfy on the outside, female flowers with scurfy green **ovaries** and red **styles**. Flowers 1–1.5 mm in diameter, with 5 **perianth** lobes united at the base, in 1-5 flowered clusters. Fruit red to purple, usually initially enclosed by the mealy greyish fleshy enlarged '**petals**', to about 2 mm in diameter.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Rhagodia~ulicina>
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