

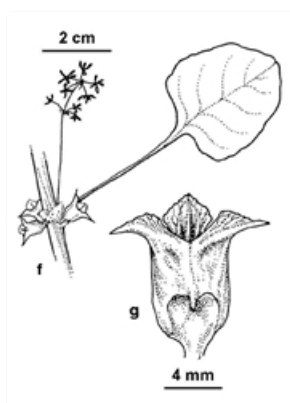
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and fruiting stem. Photographer Kevin Thiele, WA



Plant. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Line drawings. f. portion of stem g. seed case. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Spiny Emex, Three-cornered Jacks, Doublegee

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Weed of crops, disturbed sites, rocky areas, and along streams. Sydney area and north. Blue Mountains. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb, **prostrate** or sprawling, sometimes to 0.40 m tall. The '**petals**' of female flowers tipped with very sharp rigid spines. Seed cases with 3 rigid, **spreading** spines. Plants somewhat fleshy. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2-9 cm long, 15-70 mm wide, margins more or less finely scalloped. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers small (less than 3 mm in diameter), with 6 spreading '**petals**', united at least at the base. Male 'petals' about 2 mm long. Flowers in clusters at the bases of the leaves. Flowers most of year, mainly Apr.–Nov.

Was *Emex australis*.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rumex~hypogaeus> (accessed 18 March 2021)

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