

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bega River near Tathra



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Hanging Rock Creek, Batehaven, south of Batemans Bay



Plants. Photographer Chris Clarke, near Portland, Vic, at the top of a cliff

Common name

Samphire, Glasswort

Family

Chenopodiaceae

Where found

Saltmarshes. Frequently in **habitats** periodically inundated by salt water. Coastal.

Notes

Perennial herb, rarely shrubby, to 0.5 m high, usually sprawling, rooting at the **nodes**. Swollen, fleshy, jointed branches about 5 mm wide. Leaves reduced to membranous lobes, opposite each other. Flowers bisexual, but occasionally functionally unisexual. Flowers small, fleshy, with 3 fused lobes, at the base of paired, fused, fleshy **bracts**. Flowers in 10–18-flowered clusters, in false **whorls** arranged in a single row.

Salicornia quinqueflora in Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf&lvl=sp&name=Sarcocornia~quinqueflora> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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