**Pouzolzia zeylanica** (L.) Benn.

**Family:**
Urticaceae

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**Common name:**
Graceful Pouzolzbush; Pouzolzbush, Graceful

**Stem**
Usually flowers and fruits as a herb but occasionally grows into a shrub about 1 m tall.

**Leaves**
Leaf blades about 7.5-9.5 x 3-4.5 cm, petioles about 0.5-4.5 cm long. Stipules about 3-5 mm long, clothed in long white hairs.

**Flowers**
Flowers sessile, minute, less than 1 mm diam. Tepals about 0.9 x 1 mm. Anthers reniform, about 0.9 x 0.6 mm, reflexed in the bud. Filaments about 1-2 mm long.

**Fruit**
Fruits enclosed in the persistent, hairy perianth. Fruits pyriform, about 2.5 x 2 mm. Seeds about 2 x 1.8 mm, tests thin and glabrous. Cotyledons about 1 x 1.5 mm, broader than long, slightly cordate at the base. Radicle straight and thick, about 0.6 x 0.5 mm.

**Seedlings**
Cotyledons orbicular, about 7-8 mm diam. First pair of leaves opposite, leaf blades ovate, upper surface clothed in numerous 'glandular' humps and long, pale hairs. Stipules hairy. At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade clothed in numerous 'glandular' humps on the upper surface and also strigose with a sparse covering of pale, broad-based hairs. Midrib and lateral veins depressed on the upper surface. Leaf blade 3-veined at the base. Seed germination time 244 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Occurs in WA, NT, CYP, NEQ and CEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 550 m. Grows in rain forest and monsoon forest. Also occurs in Asia and Malesia.

**Natural History & Notes**
This species may have medicinal properties.

This species has been used medicinally in Malaysia and Indonesia. Cribb (1981).

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
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