

Tribulopsis solandri R.Br.

Family:

Zygophyllaceae

Brown, R. in Sturt, C. (1849) *Narrative of an expedition into Central Australia 2*: App.70. Type: In ora orientalis tropicae Novae Hollandiae prope Endeavour River, anno 1770. D.D. Banks et Solander.

Stem

Trailing herb with pinkish stems.

Leaves

Usually 6 leaflets in each compound leaf. Leaflets 5-12 x 1.5 mm, sessile or very shortly stalked. Leaflet blades and compound leaf axis clothed in pale hairs, grooved on the upper surface. Larger stipules leaf-like, 5 x 2-2.5 mm.

Flowers

Pedicles 7-10 mm diameter. Sepals lanceolate, ca. 3 x 1 mm, outer surface clothed in hairs. Petals elliptic, ca. 6 x 1.5 mm. Ovary 5-sided, green, ca. 3 mm long. Stigma 5-lobed.

Fruit

Fruit a schizocarp, ca. 5 x 6 mm, armed with median and basal spines splitting longitudinally into 4-5 segments at maturity. Segments (mericarps) triangular, 5-6 x 1.5 mm, indehiscent, containing 1 or 2 seeds, area between fruitlets pubescent, fruitlet base with a tapered point and a large tubercle on the middle surface.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in CYP, NEQ and the northern part of CEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 385 m. Grows in Eucalypt forest, vine thicket, Eucalypt and Melaleuca woodland and dune grassland.

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