

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Plant. Australian Plant Image index, photographer S Douglas, Marramorra National Park north of Sydney

## Common name

Square raspwort

## Family

Haloragaceae

## Where found

Damp places near streams. Coastal north from Cuttagee Lake south of Bermagui. Kosciuszko National Park. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.5 m tall. Stems more or less square, 4-ribbed, hairless to finely rough. Leaves opposite each other below, **alternating** up the stems just below the flowers, usually 6–10 cm long, 13–25 mm wide, with coarsely toothed margins. Flowers with 4 yellow-green to reddish **petals** each 2.5–3.3 mm long, and 4 **styles**, in clusters of 3–15 flowers. Seed cases oval, 2–2.5 mm long, with 4 ribs, smooth to corrugated (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

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NSW Department of Environment and Heritage Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10392> (accessed 19 April 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Haloragis-exalata> (accessed 19 April 2021)

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