

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Beecroft Peninsula, Jervis Bay Territory



Spent flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Common name

Spreading nut-heads

Family

Asteraceae

Where found

Wet heath, moist areas in **forest**, and other temporarily flooded areas. Sometimes adjacent to mangroves in saline **habitats**. Coastal Sydney area away from the coast and in the ranges nearby.

Notes

Perennial herb, **prostrate** or to 0.3 m tall. Stems hairy when young, becoming more or less hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** along the stems, 2.6-7 cm long, 7-21 mm wide, hairless, with resin globules on both surfaces, margins toothed or lobed, teeth to 5 mm long, tips blunt to pointed. Flower **heads** 4-5.5 mm in diameter, broad hemispherical, with 0 **petals**, green to yellow to brown, and many pink to purple **florets**. Flower heads single or in pairs. Flowers all year.

Was *Epaltes australis*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sphaeromorphaea~australis> (accessed 28 January, 2021)

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