

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



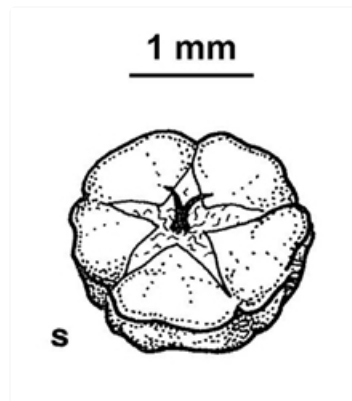
Stem with wingless seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Carnarvon National Park, Qld



Winged seed case. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Eurabba State Forest N of Terra



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Carnarvon National Park



Line drawing. s. seed case. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Small-leaf bluebush, Bluebush

## Family

Chenopodiaceae

## Where found

Colonizing species. Disturbed **mallee** and **woodland**, other disturbed sites, and bare ground. Mainly west of the area covered by this key. Western Slopes. ACT. Sydney area.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 1 m high and wide. Stems sparsely hairy when young. Leaves often sparse, **alternating** up the stems, flattened cylindrical, 0.2–1 cm long, 0.5 mm wide, **glaucous** to sparsely hairy. Flowers small, tubular, with 5 '**petals**', hairless or the margins of the '**petals**' fringed. Flowers single, but crowded into leafy **spikes** at the ends of the branchlets. Seed cases thick discs, 1.5–7 mm in diameter, flat or slightly convex at the tips, thin-walled, slightly open at the tips, hairless to slightly hairy, dark brown when dry. Horizontal **wing** may or may not be developed; when present, the wing **entire** or lobed, margin finely scalloped, with a radial slit.

Uncertain Status (native or **naturalised**) in the ACT.

Endangered Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Maireana~microphylla> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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