PLANT FACT SHEET

Atriplex nummularia Lindley

GENUS *Atriplex* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Old man saltbush, Giant saltbush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

The seeds are crushed to make damper.
The dried leaves are added to damper.

DESCRIPTION

A perennial herb. It grows 1-3 m tall. It spreads 2-4 m wide. The branches are whitish. The leaves are furry and silvery white. They are 4 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are flat with teeth along the edge. The flowers are small. The flowers are yellowish-brown. The male flowers are round and in clusters at the end of the plant. The female flowers are in long dense clusters at the ends of plants. Male and female flowers are on separate plants.

HABITAT

It can grow from temperate to subtropical climates and from semiarid to arid regions. It can tolerate heavy frost. It suits alkaline soils. It can tolerate salty soils. It is drought resistant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or cuttings. It can be pruned into a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 100-300 Atriplex species. They have also been put in the family Chenopodiaceae.

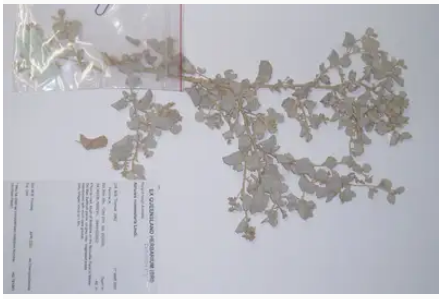
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