PLANT FACT SHEET

Atriplex suberecta Verdoorn

GENUS *Atriplex* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Sprawling saltbush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It can grow to 60 cm high. It branches from the base. The leaves are thin and narrow. They are 2-3 cm long and have coarse teeth along the edge. The male and female flowers are separate but on the same plant. The flowers are small and pale green and 2 mm across. The male flowers are in clusters at the top of the plant while the female flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a flattened capsule 5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It can grow in salty soils. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,100 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is a very scarce and vulnerable plant in Tasmania. They have also been put in the family Chenopodiaceae.

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