PLANT FACT SHEET

Atriplex semibaccata R. Br.

GENUS *Atriplex* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Australian saltbush, Creeping saltbush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten as a snack. They are added to salads.
The young leaves are eaten raw or steamed. They are often boiled to remove excess salt.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that keeps growing from year to year. It grows 50 cm high and spreads 1 m wide. The stem lies along the ground and the branches are low and spreading. The leaves are sword shaped and silvery green. They are 2 cm long and have teeth around the edge. The flowers are very small. The fruit are flattened red berries.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows best in coastal, light, well-drained soils. It suits an open sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost. It can grow on salty soils.

PRODUCTION

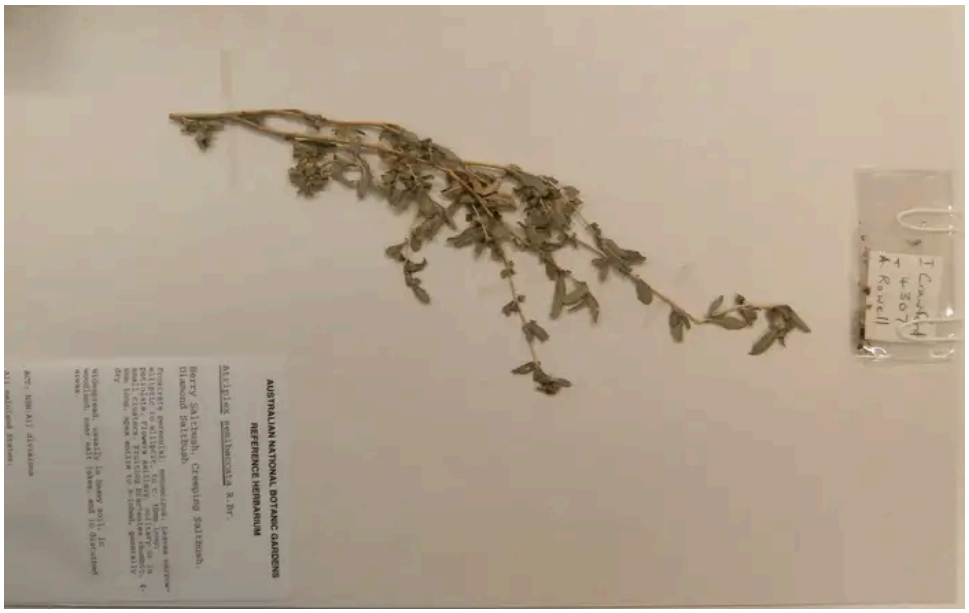
Cultivation

It can be grown by seed or cuttings.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Chenopodiaceae.

PICTURES



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