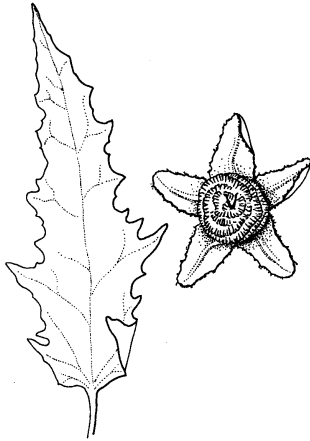


# *Chenopodium erosum*



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**FAMILY:** CHENOPODIACEAE

**BOTANICAL NAME:** *Chenopodium erosum*,  
R.Br., *Prodr.* 407 (1810)

**COMMON NAME:** Papery goosefoot

**COMMONWEALTH STATUS:** (*EPBC Act*)  
Not Listed

**TASMANIAN STATUS:** (*TSP Act*) presumed  
extinct

## Description

An erect, annual plant up to 1.5 metres tall. **Leaves:** The papery leaves are stalked, triangular in shape and arranged alternately along the stem. They are green, hairless, 4 to 15 cm long and 0.5 to 6 cm wide. The leaf margins are raggedly toothed. **Flowers:** The small, pale-green flowers are stalked and arranged in branches (several flowers are found in succession along each branch). Flowering is from December to February (Walsh & Entwisle 1996). **Fruit:** The fruit is thin and transparent. The seeds are horizontal, blackish and 1.2 to 1.5 mm in diameter — they fall freely from the widely opened fruit body. (Description from Flora of Australia 1984, Walsh & Entwisle 1996).

## Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this species occurs in Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales, and is also known from New Zealand (Flora of Australia 1984). *Chenopodium erosum* has been recorded only once from Tasmania ‘... on sandy hills on an island of the Kent Group, Bass Strait’. Robert Brown made this collection in 1804; the holotype is held at the British Museum (Flora of Australia 1984).

## Key Sites and Populations

*Chenopodium erosum* is presumed to be extinct in Tasmania. There is currently no information available regarding the key sites and the number of populations and/or individuals for this species.

## Known Reserves

The solitary collection of *Chenopodium erosum* was from the Kent Group National Park.

### **Ecology and Management**

There is currently no information available regarding the ecology and management of this species.

### **Conservation Status Assessment**

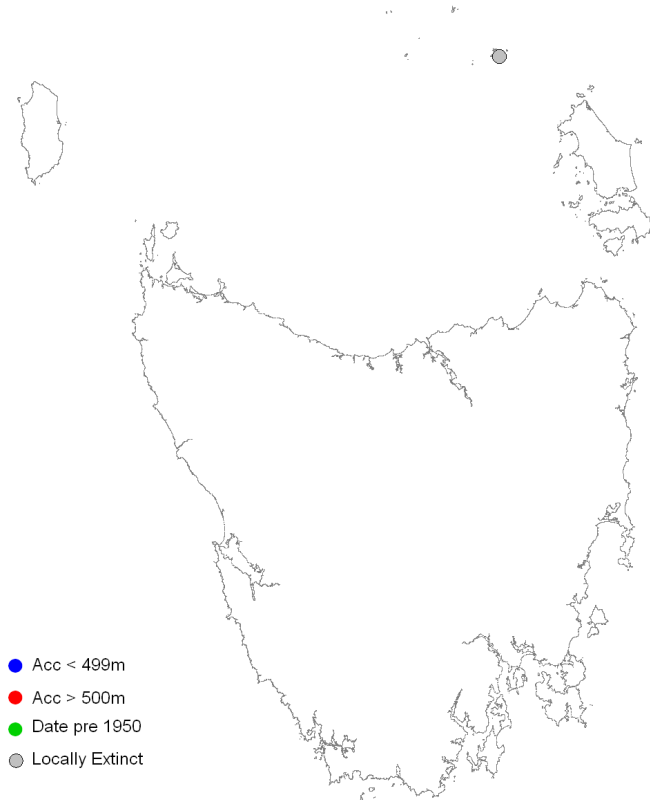
There is no immediate need for reassessment of *Chenopodium erosum*.

### **Further Information**

- Flora of Australia (1984). *Volume 4: Phytolaccaceae to Chenopodiaceae*. Australian Government Printing Service, Canberra.
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## Tasmanian Distribution

(As per Threatened Species Section records, April 2010)



### 1:25 000 Map Sheets

Not available.

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### View

<http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/threatenedspecieslists>

### Contact details

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### Permit

It is an offence to collect, disturb, damage or destroy this species unless under permit.