

Pupalia micrantha Hauman

Family:

Amaranthaceae

Hauman, L. (1946) *Bull. Jard. Bot. État Bruxelles* 18: 109.

Stem

Prostrate, scrambling or erect herb, sparsely to densely hairy.

Leaves

Leaves, opposite, ovate to elliptic, 22-90 mm long, 12-40 mm wide, acuminate.

Flowers

Spike slender, interrupted; bracts narrowly ovate, 2-4 mm long, hairy, pungent, reflexed after flowering. Sterile flowers: bracteole broadly ovate, c. 2 mm long, densely hairy, mucronate; spines c. 5 per cluster, at length c. 5 mm long. Fertile flowers: tepals greenish, narrowly elliptic, 2.5-3.5 mm long, densely hairy, acute.

Fruit

Burr 5-10 mm across in fruit. Utricle ovoid, 2-2.5 mm long. Seed black, shiny, almost circular in outline to reniform.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in WA (naturalised) and NT. Altitudinal range not known. Usually occurs in and around vine thickets. Also occurs in Africa and Asia.

Natural History & Notes

Description from 'Flora of the Darwin Region' (Harwood & Palmer, 2011).

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