

# Atriplex patula

## COMMON NAME

orache

## FAMILY

Amaranthaceae

## AUTHORITY

Atriplex patula L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

ATRPAT

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## SIMILAR TAXA

Stem smooth, slender, 0.3 to 1.2 m long, with numerous spreading branches. Leaves petioled, fleshy, triangular, lanceolate or linear, mostly opposite, usually mealy, especially on lower surface. Flowers small without petals; male and female flowers borne separately on the same plant in scattered spikes at ends of branches and in axils of upper leaves. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

## YEAR NATURALISED

1853

## ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia

## ETYMOLOGY

**atriplex:** From an ancient Latin name whose derivation is uncertain, but a possible explanation is the name comes from the Greek a- 'without' and traphein 'nourishment' because many of these species grow in arid desert soils

**patula:** Spreading

## Reproduction

seeds

## Seed

Seeds round, grey, borne between 2 triangular green bracts (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

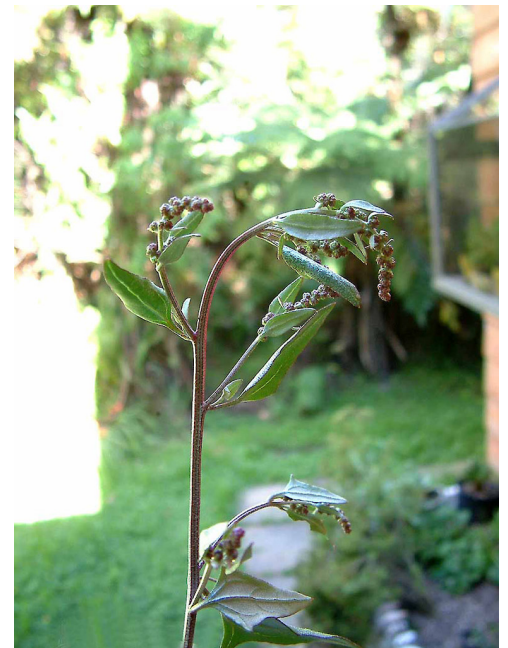
## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/atriples-patula/>



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