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# Apowollastonia longipes (Klatt) Orchard

Family:

#### Asteraceae

Orchard, A.E. (2013) Nuytsia 23: 411-412.

#### Stem

Perennial herb or shrub to 1.2 m tall; annual stems erect or scambling.

#### Leaves

Leaf blades about  $4-7.5(-14) \times 2-6(-10.5)$  cm, almost sessile to petiole 5-10 mm long; blades ovate to suborbicular to lanceolate, both upper and lower surfaces scabrous. Margins toothed.

#### **Flowers**

Flowers on peduncles 10-12 cm long, 1-3 heads per peduncle. Ray florets 10-12(-16); ligule 9-12 mm long, 2-3-lobed, yellow. Disc florets, 10-20.

#### Fruit

Fruits produced in a dense head. Each nut (achene) obovoid, 2-3 angled,  $2.5-2(-4) \times 1-2 \text{ mm}$ , grey-black when mature, sometimes with corky wings.

#### Seedlings

Seed germination time ca. 129 days. Cotyledons +/- orbicular, about 3.5-8 mm diam., petiole about 7 mm long. First pair of leaves scabrous, margins entire or with a few teeth. At the tenth leaf stage: leaves +/- lanceolate, apex apiculate, base attenuate, margins conspicuously toothed, both the upper and lower surfaces scabrous. Stems scabrous, longitudinally ribbed.

## Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in CYP, NEQ and CEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 1000 m. Grows in beach forest, woodlands, monsoon forest and vine thickets.

# Synonyms

**Wedelia longipes Klatt**, *Annalen des K. K. Naturhistorischen Hofmuseums*: 68 (1896), Type: "Cape York, leg. Daemel, Herb. Mus. Palat. Vindob. Nr. 38386."

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