

# Warrigal Greens

*Tetragonia tetragonoides*



## Adaptation to environment

- Fleshy leaves store moisture;
- Raised bumps create 'boundary layer effect', slowing airflow on the surface to reduce drying
- Fruit have spines for protection against being eaten & provide a means of dispersal
- Seeds germinate & grow quickly when conditions are good
- Blue-green colour reflects more sunlight than green plants, helping it to survive in exposed locations.

Where do I live?



Mangrove Shore

## What eats me?

- Rats
- Humans: is a popular “bush-tucker” food; served by Captain Cook to his crew: seeds were taken back to England where it became a popular garden vegetable; mildly poisonous if eaten raw.

• Sprawling succulent herb • Stems to 1 cm thick, leaves to 12 cm long • Seed heads distributed by ocean currents.