

WANTED

Sea spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*)



Description

Sea spurge is a small, upright, multi-stemmed shrub that usually grows between 20 and 70 cm tall. It has fleshy, blue-green leaves and small yellow-green flowers. Each year new stems grow in spring from the root crown. Flowers appear between September and May. After flowering stems die off and are replaced with new ones the next spring. Stems are fleshy upright, less than ten branched near tips. Oozes a milky sap when damaged and die off after flowering, replaced by new shoots from the roots. Leaves are 5-30 mm long, fleshy blue-green tightly packed along the stem. Flowers are small, yellow-green, cup-shaped and on end of stems. Fruit are capsules 3-5mm long and 4.5-6 mm wide. Seeds are smooth, pale grey, oval or rounded and 2.5-3.5 mm long. Roots are long-lived, woody crown and a long taproot.

Goal

To reduce the spread and Contain in the Shoalhaven.

Whereabouts

Last seen Culburra, Bawley Point and Bendalong. Found in coastal areas. Sandy, free draining soils, rocky foreshores, and coastal lakes.

Website Link [NSW WeedWise](#)

Native Look a-like Coast candles *Stackhousia* spathulate - Difference does not ooze sap like sea spurge.

