

WOY WOY CAMPUS

INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Tetragonia tetragonioides (Warrigal Greens)

Indigenous name

Warrigal (Dharug language, meaning "wild")

Indigenous use

Aboriginal people eat this highly nutritious herb and sometimes crush its leaves to apply as a remedy for sores.

Description

Tetragonia tetragonioides is a leafy green herb that has become a popular food amongst the wider Australian population and can be used in the same way as chard, silverbeet or bok choy. The small yellow flowers, which are present from spring to summer, are also edible.



Habitat

Tetragonia tetragonioides are found growing in sunny to shady spots in coastal areas. They'll tolerate somewhat poor soil, but do better when kept moist in a rich, free-draining loam.