Kochia scoparia

Common Name(s):

summer cypress, burning bush, firebush

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Features:

Annual plant with a deep taproot. The erect, much-branched stems are smooth below but usually hairy above. The alternate, simple leaves are pubescent to nearly glabrous, lanceolate to linear with hairy margins, and without petioles. The small green flowers lack petals and are found in clusters in the axils of the upper leaves and in terminal spikes. The brown flattened seeds are grooved on each side.

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