Sanguisorba minor subsp. muricata

Scientific Name
*Sanguisorba minor* Scop. subsp. *muricata* (Spach) Briq.

Synonyms
*Poterium polygonum* Waldst. & Kit.
*Poterium sanguisorba* sensu L.
*Sanguisorba muricata* (Spach) Gremli

Family
Rosaceae

Common Names
burnet, fodder burnet, garden burnet, little burnet, salad burnet, sheep's burnet, small burnet

Origin
Native to north-western Africa (i.e. Algeria), southern Europe (i.e. Greece, Italy, France and Spain), western Asia (i.e. Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Turkey) and Pakistan.

Naturalised Distribution
Widely naturalised in southern Australia (i.e. in eastern and southern New South Wales, in the ACT, in Victoria and Tasmania, in many parts of South Australia, and in south-western Western Australia). Occasionally also naturalised in south-eastern Queensland.

Notes
Sheep's burnet (*Sanguisorba minor* subsp. *muricata*) is regarded as a minor environmental weed in South Australia and Victoria, and as a potential environmental weed or “sleeper weed” in other parts of southern Australia.
old flowers (Photo: Sheldon Navie)
mature fruit (Photo: Sheldon Navie)
close-up of seeds (Photo: Steve Hurst at USDA PLANTS Database)