Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Young pods. Photographer Reinaldo Aquilar, Costa Rica



Stemand leaves. Australian Rant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Key, unknown photographer, unknown place

Common name

Coastal jack bean

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Mainly coastal sand dunes north from Sydney.

Notes

Climbing or trailing herb, stems 2–3 m long. Stems hairless or hairy. Leaves alternating along the stems, compound, with three leaflets each 4–12 cm long, 30–100 mm wide, leathery, hairless only at maturity. Calyx about 12 mm long. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 petals, 2 joined together to form the keel, mauve to white. Standard petal mostly 20–30 mm long. Flowers in interrupted clusters of about 8 flowers. Seeds poisonous. Flowers most of the year.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Canavalia~rosea (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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