

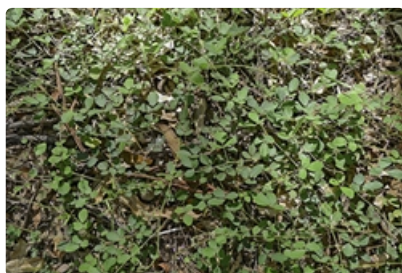
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest west of Batemans Bay



Leaf. Photographer John Tann, Paruna Reserve near Sydney



Plant. Photographer John Tann, Paruna Reserve near Sydney

## Common name

Rusty tick-trefoil

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Mainly coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands.

## Notes

Climbing **perennial** herb or trailing **shrub** to 1m tall. Stems with dense rusty hairs. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each mostly 1.2-7 cm long, 8-35 mm wide, tips blunt to pointed, both surfaces **appressed**-hairy. Flowers about 6 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, pink to purple, in interrupted clusters of about 30 flowers. Flowers almost all year.

All species of *Desmodium* in the area have hooked hairs on the transversely jointed pods, which break up on maturity into separate one-seeded sections.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Desmodium-rhytidophyllum> (accessed 30 April 2021)

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