

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Mumbulla State Forest near Bega



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens south of Batemans Bay



Line drawings. e. flowering branch; bract and bracteoles. M.Moir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Velvet hovea, Tall hovea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, and dense **shrubland**, usually on rocky ridges and near streams. Widespread. No records from the Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall. Stems with dense brown to grey hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.2-7 cm long, 4-17 mm wide. Standard petal 11.5-17 mm long, 10-15 mm wide, flat on each side of a recessed **midrib**, margins curved down, tips rounded to somewhat pointed, **mucro** up to 1 mm long; upper surface green, almost glossy, hairless except for hairs along the midrib, lower surface completely obscured by cream to tan curled hairs, midrib hairs dense, orange-brown. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, mauve to purple, occasionally white, the **standard** petal with a greenish yellow spot. Flowers in mostly pairs at the base of the upper leaves. Flowers Spring to Summer.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Hovea~purpurea> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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