

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Paddys River Road, ACT



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, near Nowra



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, ACT

Common name

Austral indigo, Australian indigo

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and rocky areas. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to about 2.5m tall. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4-10 cm long, **compound**, with 5-25 leaflets, each 0.4-4 cm long, 3-9 mm wide, **entire**, usually sparsely hairy above, hairy below, tips blunt, usually with a small straight **mucro**. Flowers 6-7 mm in diameter, pea-shaped, with five **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, pink to mauve. **Standard** petal 7-9 mm long. Flower clusters mostly 6-15 cm long, of 5-many flowers. Flowers Sep.–Nov.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Indigofera~australis> (accessed 16 April 2021)

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