

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Michael Kest, France



Flowering stems. Photographer Michael Kest, France



Leaves and flowers. Photographer Zoya Akulova, California, USA

Common name

Slender birds-foot trefoil

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Damp sandy soils, mainly in the Sydney region.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb to 0.5 m high, or sprawling. Stems more or less hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 5 leaflets, each 0.3–1.6 cm long, 1–5 mm wide, the lower 2 leaflets only slightly smaller than the upper ones, surfaces hairy; tips with a small abrupt point. Flowers 4–8 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow, in clusters mostly of 1-4 flowers. Flowers Nov.–Jan.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lotus~angustissimus> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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