

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Park near Nowra



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Common name

Hairy bird's-foot trefoil

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Woodland, shrubland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, roadsides, moist places, and swamps. Sydney area. Sporadic elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb, **prostrate** to sprawling or to 0.7 m tall, hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 5 leaflets, each 0.4-2 cm long, 2-10 mm wide, hairy, tips pointed or blunt, the lower 2 usually smaller and more or less **cordate**. Flowers 6-9.5 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow to orange, in clusters of mostly 1-4 flowers. Flowers mainly Spring to Autumn.

Was *Lotus suaveolens*.

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

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