

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leaves and burrs. Photographer Wikipedia (in Arabic), Sahara Desert



Burrs. Photographer Tracey Slotter, USDA, USA

## Common name

Cut-leaved Medic

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, mallee**, grassy areas, and disturbed sites. Sydney area. Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb, **prostrate** or to 0.4 m tall. Seed cases spiny. Stems sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with three leaflets, each 0.3-1.5 cm long, 2-10 mm wide, upper surface hairless, sometimes with darker flecks, lower surface **appressed**-hairy, margins lobed, usually deeply cut as if insect-eaten, tips blunt, or notched with a broad straight point, **stipules** deeply **incised**, hairy on the lower surface. Flowers yellow to cream, pea-shaped, with five **petals**, two almost joined together. **Standard** petal 4.5–6 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 1-3 flowers.

*Medicago laciniata* var. *laciniata* in Vic. (accessed 1 March 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Medicago-laciniata> (accessed 1 March 2021)

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