

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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"Seed". USDA NRCS Plants Database, photographer Tracey Slotta

Common name

Barrel Medic

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Used as a forage plant. **Naturalised** in grassy areas, disturbed sites, roadsides, and other **habitats**. Sydney area. Tablelands north and east of the ACT. Western Slopes. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb, often **prostrate**, with branches to 0.8 m long. Burr with many straight to curved spines. Stems sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.5-2.5 cm long, 3-20 mm wide, upper surface sparsely hairy, lower surface hairy, margins toothed, tips rounded or somewhat pointed with a **terminal** tooth, **stipules** toothed or with narrow, pointed lobes, lower surface hairy. Flowers yellow, pea-shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 almost joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 4.5-7 mm long. Flowers in 1-5 flowered clusters. Flowers Sep.-Dec.

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

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