

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



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Common name

A mirbelia

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath** on sandstone. Coast and ranges north from Wollongong.

Notes

Erect shrub to about 1 m high. Leaves with sharp points. Stems angular, hairless or hairy. Leaves in irregular **whorls** of 3, 1–2 cm long, about 1 mm wide, tips more or less blunt, with a short sharp point, margins rolled down, upper surface scarcely **reticulate**. Flowers bluish purple, often with a yellowish mark near the base of the **standard** petal, 8–12 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Flowers mostly single. Flowers spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Mirbelia~speciosa> (accessed 27 January, 2021)

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