

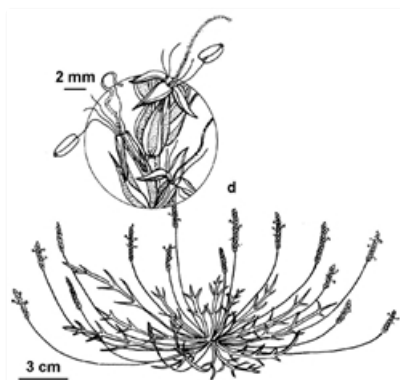
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads (subsp. *coronopus*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Lake George



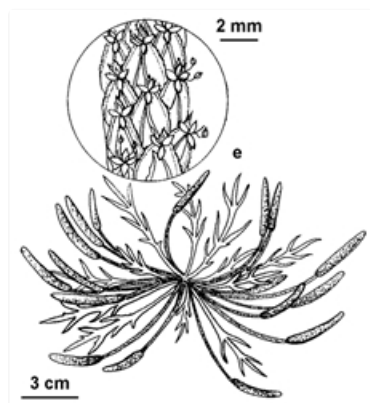
Plant (subsp. *coronopus*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Lake George



Line drawings (subsp. *coronopus*). d. plant; detail of flowers. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board



Plant (subsp. *commutata*). Photographer Don Wood, near Merimbula



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## Common name

Buck's-horn plaintain

## Family

Plantaginaceae

## Where found

Weed of roadsides and disturbed sites.

subsp. *commutata*: Canberra and Sydney. Tablelands south of Goulburn and east of the ACT. Occasionally coastal south from Merimbula

subsp. *coronopus*: Canberra. Tablelands east and north of the ACT. Coastal north from Shellharbour.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or **perennial** herb with a persistent taproot. Flower stalks to 0.45 m tall, densely hairy. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, 1-30 cm long, 5-20 mm wide, hairy to hairless, margins **dissected** or deeply toothed or rarely **entire**, with 1 longitudinal **vein**. Flowers tubular, the tube 1-1.5 mm long, with 4 lobes 0.8-1 mm long, **spreading** or turned back. **Sepals** 2.3-3 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 1.5-3.5 mm long. Flower **spikes** oval, 8-120 mm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

**subsp. *commutata***: Flower stalks stout, usually 1.3-2.3 mm in diameter, shorter than or equal to leaves. **Spike** very dense, flowers **appressed** to the axis and closely overlapping each other.

**subsp. *coronopus***: Flower stalks slender, 0.5-1.8 mm in diameter, mostly longer than the leaves. Spike dense, flowers often spreading.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Plantago~coronopus> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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