

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seeding plant. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Canberra, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. i. plant; leaf sepal. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Narrow plantain

## Family

Plantaginaceae

## Where found

Forest, grassland, woodland, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb with a long, thick fleshy taproot and **adventitious roots**, sometimes extensively colony-forming. Flower stalks to 0.3 m long, hairy. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, mostly 7–20 cm long, hairy to hairless, 2–22 mm wide, with 3 longitudinal **veins**, margins **entire** or with a few blunt teeth, tips pointed. Red-brown or golden-brown hairs at the bases of the leaves. Flowers tubular, the tube 2–4 mm long, with 4 lobes 1.4–2.3 mm long, **spreading** or turned back. **Sepals** 2.8–3.5 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 1.5–4.5 mm long. Flower **spikes** mostly 40–120 mm long, mostly up to 200 mm long in seed. Flowering: mostly September–April

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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