

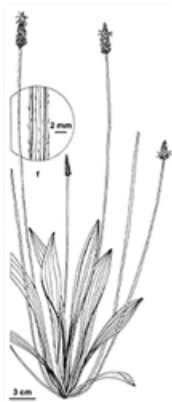
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, near Candelo



Line drawings. f. plant; flower stalk detail. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Lamb's tongues, Plantain, Ribwort, Ribwort plantain, Ribgrass

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Pastures, disturbed sites, and gardens. Widespread and common.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb with a persistent taproot. Flower stalks to 0.5 m high, longitudinally ridged, hairy with short hairs. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, 7–30 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, with 5–7 longitudinal **veins**, hairy, margins with a few minute teeth or **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers tubular, the tube 1.5–3 mm long, with 4 lobes 1.5–2.5 mm long, **spreading** or turned down. **Sepals** 2.5–4.5 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 3–5 mm long. Flower **spike** oval initially, becoming cylindrical, 10–120 mm long, dense. Flowering: chiefly September–April.

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

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