

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tallaganda State Forest



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Smokers Gap, Namadji National Park, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Potato Point east of Bodalla



Seed cases on stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tallaganda State Forest

Common name

Dwarf milkwort

Family

Polygalaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **grassland**. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.25 m high or **prostrate** or sprawling. Stems **wiry**, hairy with curled hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.4–2 cm long, 3–10 mm wide, more or less hairless except for the hairy **midrib**, prominently veined. Flowers mauve or pinkish to purple, with 3 **petals** in the middle of the flower, the largest looking like the fringed **keel** of a pea flower, and 2 coloured **sepals** that look like the **wings** of pea flower, each about 3-5 mm long. Flowers in clusters. Flowers spring-summer

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

Vulnerable Vic.

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

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