

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Canberra Nature Park, Hughes, ACT



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Common name

Notched swainson-pea, Mountain swainson-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Woodland and grassy sites, often on rocky slopes. Kosciuszko National Park. ACT. Tablelands east and south from the ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.2 m tall. Stems hairy, the hairs attached to the stems at their base or almost at their base and sticking out from the stems (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves 3-10 cm long, **compound**, with 11-25 leaflets each 0.2-1.5 cm long, to 3 mm wide, tips blunt to notched, lower surface sparsely hairy. Flowers 4-7 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, mauve to purple with white and purple markings, in clusters of 3-15 flowers. **Calyx** teeth usually shorter than the tube. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

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=Swainsona-monticola> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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