

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



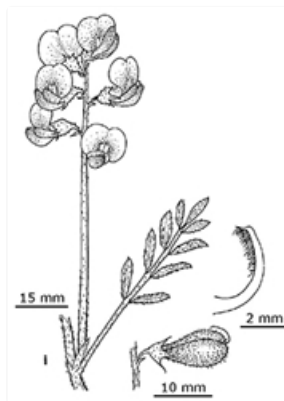
Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Coorra



Flowering plants. Photographer Wandiyali Images, near Queanbeyan



Leafy stem with pods. Photographer Jackie Mles, west of Nrmmitabel



Line drawings. i. leaf; flower cluster; style; pod. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Silky Swainson-pea, Silky Pea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

**Woodland** and grassy areas. Western Slopes, ACT, tablelands, and the western edge of the ranges. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.2 m tall or **prostrate**. Stems densely hairy, the hairs on the stems **appressed** or **spreading**, attached to the stems at about the middle of the hair (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves mostly 2-7 cm long, mostly at the base of the plant, and **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 5-13 leaflets, each 0.5-2 cm long, 1-3 mm wide, more or less hairy, tips pointed, occasionally rounded or notched. Flowers 7-15 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, mauve to purple, with whitish markings, or white, in clusters of mostly 2-8 flowers. Calyx teeth usually about the same length as the **calyx** tube. Flowers Summer.

Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

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

Vulnerable Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10783> (accessed 8 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Swainsona-sericea> (accessed 8 January 2021)

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