

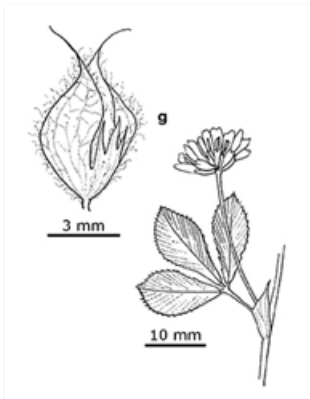
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Luigi Rignanesi, Italy



Developing seed cases and leaves. Photographer JC Schou, Crete, Greece



Line drawings (var. *majus*). g. leaf; flower head; seedling calyx. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria. © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Shaftal Clover, Reversed Trefoil

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Escape from cultivation. Not common. Widespread, but not in Kosciuszko National Park. Most records do not specify subspecies.

var. *majus*: 2 records, one in Canberra, one from west of Delegate

var. *resupinatum*: Canberra. One record at Mogo.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.8 m tall or **prostrate**. Spiny teeth on the leaf margins and **calyx** lobes. Calyx lobes **erect** or **spreading** at the seeding stage. Stems hairless or almost hairless. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.5-5 cm long, 3-21 mm wide, hairless or becoming hairless, margins toothed, the teeth with spiny points, tips blunt, **stipules** membranous, distinctly veined. Flowers pink to purple, upside down, 3-8 mm long, pea-shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Petals falling early. Flowers in many-flowered spherical clusters 10-15 mm long, 5-15 mm wide. **Calyces** surrounding the individual pods at the seeding stage.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Trifolium~resupinatum> (accessed 3 May 2021)

Varieties not recognised in NSW.

var. *majus*: Stems to 80 cm long and 5 mm thick, hollow; leaflets often 30 mm or more long; flowering **heads** dense, mostly more than 10 mm wide; flowers 6-8 mm long.

var. *resupinatum*: Stems mostly less than 40 cm long and less than 3 mm thick, solid; leaflets less than 20 mm long; flowering heads loose, mostly less than 10 mm wide; flowers 3-5 mm long.

Key to varieties in VICFLORA: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/key/2379> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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