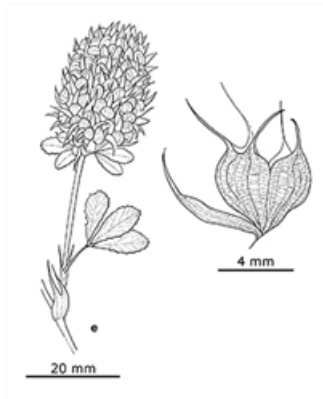


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Yass



Line drawings. e. leaf; flower head; seedling calyx. M Moir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

A Clover

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Grown as a forage crop. Occasionally **naturalised**. Scattered, mainly on the Western Slopes.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.8 m high. **Calyx** teeth spiny, turned back at the seeding stage. Stems angled, hairless, and often reddish. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 1.5–4 cm long, 5–15 mm wide, hairless, margins toothed, tips usually with a small abrupt point, surfaces prominently veined on the lower surface, often with a pale arrow-shaped spot on the upper surface; **stipules** membranous, and prominently nerved. Flower **heads** many-flowered, globular, becoming cylindrical, 30–60 mm long, 25–35 mm wide. Individual flowers white, or pink or mauve to purple, 12–15 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, persistent at the seeding stage. Flowers spring-summer.

Varieties not recognised in NSW.

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

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