

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Nadgigomar Nature Reserve north of Braidwood



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Common name

A milkwort

Family

Polygalaceae

Where found

Forest, **heath**, and grassy areas. Coast and ranges. Tablelands mostly north of the Kings Highway.

Notes

Straggling plant to 0.2 m high, with few, or occasionally many, more or less leafless stems. Stems more or less ridged, hairless or with scattered hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, less than 0.8 cm long, less than 2 mm wide, thick, rarely seen and then on the lower part of the plant. Flowers bright purplish blue, with 3 **petals** in the middle of the flower, the largest looking like the **keel** of a pea flower, and 2 coloured **sepals** that look like the **wings** of a pea flower. Wing sepals mostly 6 mm long. Flowers appearing single, in open clusters up the stems. Seed cases with a narrow **wing**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Comesperma~sphaerocarpum> (accessed 1 April 2021)

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