

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Woodstock Nature Reserve, ACT



'Seeds' on stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Livingstone National Park south of Wagga Wagga



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Conservation Area east of Goulburn



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Common name

Sweet hound's-tongue

Family

Boraginaceae

Where found

Damp places, often in open **forest**, **woodland**, and **grassland**. Widespread, but rarely coastal.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.5 m high. 'Seeds' with barbed spines, that stick to clothing. Stems with rough stiff hairs. Leaves mostly basal, 5–20 cm long, 4–28 mm wide. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, narrower, decreasing in size towards the top of the stem. Flowers 2–4.5 mm long, white or sometimes blue, funnel-shaped, with 5 lobes, the tube slightly longer than the lobes. Flowers in leafy clusters, becoming non-leafy higher on the flowering stem, in one row along one side of a coiled flower **spike** when young, the stalk soon elongating. Flowering: spring–summer. Burrs more or less globular.

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PlantNET description (as *Hackelia suaveolens*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hackelia~suaveolens> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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