

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



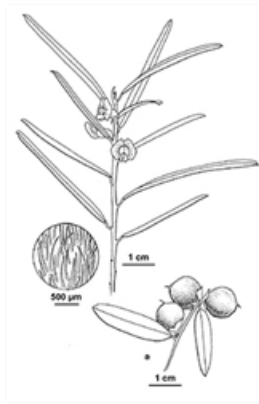
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Line drawings (as *Hovea linearis*). a. flowering and fruiting branches; hairs of young stem. MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Creeping hovea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland, heath**, and grassy sites, often on shallow stony soils. Widespread.

## Notes

**Shrub** or **perennial** herb to 1 m tall, often trailing. Stems with brown, silvery brown, or grey-brown hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6-11 cm long, 1.5-17 mm wide, margins curved to rolled down, tips usually strongly hooked, upper surface hairless, smooth, finely **reticulate**, lower surface sparsely to densely hairy with **appressed** hairs. Standard petal 6-9 mm long. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, blue to pinky mauve, with darker violet to purple markings, or white, the **standard** petal with a yellow spot at the base. Flowers in 1-3 flowered clusters at the base of the upper leaves. Outside of the pod hairy, becoming hairless. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Hovea~heterophylla> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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