

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Morton National Park



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Tallaganda State Forest west of Braidwood

Common name

Narrow-leaved hovea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland**. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 1.2 m tall. Stems hairy with brown and also silvery, grey, or blackish hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3-11 cm long, 1.2-6 mm wide, flat or weakly arched on each side of the shallowly recessed **midrib**, margins sometimes very slightly scalloped, curved to rolled down, tips rounded to blunt, rarely pointed, **mucro** short, and sometimes curved; upper surface green, dull to almost glossy, hairless, smooth or with slightly sunken **veins**; lower surface with sparse white or brown **appressed** hairs, midrib hairs fairly sparse, dark brown, **venation** faint. **Calyx** mostly 5-6.5 mm long. Standard petal 7-10 mm long, 7-10 mm wide. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, pink or blue to mauve, the **standard** petal with a greenish yellow to cream spot. The outside of the pod hairless. Flowers mostly in pairs at the base of the upper leaves. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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

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