

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Mles, Kosciuszko National Park



Leafy stems and pods. Photographer Jackie Mles



Shrub. Photographer Jackie Mles, west of Mogo

## Common name

Rusty velvet-pods

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and rocky areas. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall. Stems with brown or rusty to dark grey hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 1-9 cm long, 2-11 mm wide, strongly arched from the **midrib**, margins curved to rolled down, sometimes strongly rolled down, tips pointed or blunt with a short **mucro**; upper surface hairless, **venation** slightly to moderately raised, sometimes only the **secondary veins** raised, sometimes with knobby projections from the **vein** junctions, lower surface with coiled, curled or crumpled hairs, often obscured by a dense overstorey of long, **spreading** hairs. Standard petal 7-11 mm long. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, mauve to purple, occasionally white, the **standard** petal with a cream to yellow spot at the base. Flowers in mostly pairs or threes at the base of the upper leaves. Flowers Winter-Spring.

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

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