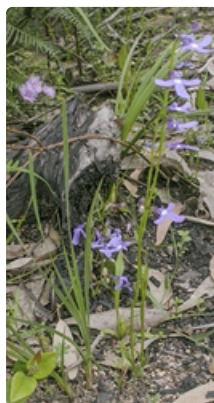


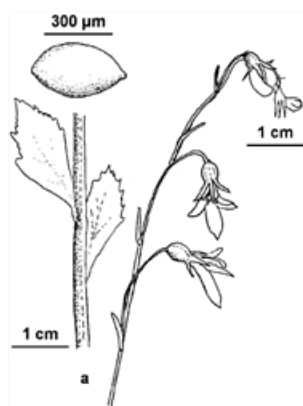
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Brindabella Range, ACT



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Line drawings. flower stalk; leaves; seed. Scale bar is 0.3 mm. P Neish, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Toothed lobelia

Family

Campanulaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and rocky areas, often after fire. Widespread. No records from the Western Slopes.

Notes

Annual herb to 0.6 m high, hairless to sparsely warty. Stems often reddish. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–4 cm long, 2–12 mm wide, the lower leaves numerous, withering early, margins deeply **dissected**; upper leaves few, narrow, dissected or toothed to **entire**. Flowers deep to royal blue or purple, throat paler, rarely white, 10–28 mm long, tubular, the tube split almost to the base on the upper side, 2-lipped, the upper lip with 2 short lobes, the lower lip with 3 **spreading** lobes, the lower middle lobe longest, 5–15 mm long, 1.2–5 mm wide. Flowers in a one-sided 4–13 flowered elongated cluster. Stalks on individual flowers 3–45 mm long. Flowering: most of the year.

The tall **annual** species of *Lobelia* are best distinguished by their seeds, beyond the scope of this key.

Family was Lobeliaceae.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lobelia~dentata> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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