

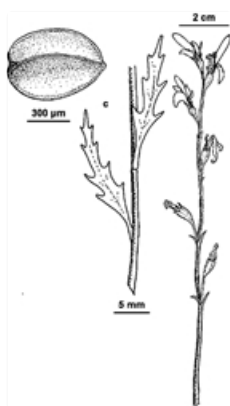
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Kirth Kiln Regional Park, Vic



Flowering stems and flower buds. Photographer Neville Walsh, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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

Common name

A lobelia

Family

Campanulaceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland**, often after fire or other disturbance. Mainly Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, and the ACT. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Annual herb to 0.9 m high. Stems hairless or sparsely warty, frequently red-tinged at least towards base. Leaves few, **alternating** up the stems, 0.6–6 cm long, 2–15 mm wide, sometimes red-tinged, margins usually with a few coarse teeth, rarely lobed, becoming smaller and the margins almost **entire** on leaves farther up the stem. Flowers dark blue, rarely white, 13–28 mm long, tubular, the tube split almost to the base on the upper side, 2-lipped, the upper lip with 2 shorter lobes, the lower lip with 3 **spreading** lobes, the middle lobe longest, 5–15 mm long, 1–6 mm wide. Flowers in a one-sided elongated cluster of 4–12 flowers. Flowering: mostly Oct.–Mar.

Family was Lobeliaceae.

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

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

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

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