

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Line drawing in Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. Vol. 2: 153

## Common name

Sweet alyssum, Sweet Alice

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Garden **escape**. Grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, and sand dunes. Coastal north from Nowra. Sydney area. away from the coast. ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 0.4 m tall, hairy, with **simple** or T-shaped hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 2-4 cm long, **linear** to lance **head** shaped, hairy, margins **entire**. Flowers fragrant, with 4 white, pink, or purple **petals**, each 3-4 mm long, in dense clusters up the stems. Flowers autumn–spring. Seed cases elliptic, oval, or almost round, 2–3 mm wide; inflated, hairy, one seed in each half. Stalks 5–10 mm long, **spreading**.

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

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