

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*

Common name

Bird's-foot trefoil

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, roadsides, and moist sites. Widespread. Uncommon on the coast and ranges south of the Sydney region.

Notes

Introduced annual or **perennial** herb, sprawling or to 0.9 m tall. Stems hairless and **glaucous** to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 5 leaflets, each 0.25-1.5 cm long, 0.5-8 mm wide, sparsely hairy, tips pointed or blunt. Flowers 7-16 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow, sometimes with red **veins** on the **standard** petal, in clusters of 1-8 flowers. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Varieties not recognised in NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lotus-corniculatus> (accessed 13 April 2021)

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