

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Nerriga



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nowra

## Common name

Bird's-foot trefoil, Greater bird's foot trefoil

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, shrubland**, moist grassy areas, along streams, and swamps. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 0.8 m tall or **prostrate**. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 5 leaflets, each 0.4-2.5 cm long, 2-15 mm wide, tips pointed or more or less rounded, surfaces hairless to sparsely hairy, lower surface **glaucous**, the lower 2 leaflets usually smaller than the others. Flowers 10-12 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow to orange, often with reddish **veins** on the **standard** petal. Usually 8-14 flowers in a cluster. Flowers mainly Spring to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Lotus~uliginosus> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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