

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Carpet. Photographer sea-kangaroo, Heathcote National Park south of Sydney

Common name

Spotted medic, Spotted burr medic

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, often moist, and disturbed sites. Mainly Sydney area and the ACT. Sporadic elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb, **prostrate** or sprawling to more or less **erect**, branches to 0.6 m long. Seed cases spiny. Stems more or less hairy, sometimes sticky. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets each 0.4-4 cm long, 5-45 mm wide, margins toothed towards the tips; upper surface hairless, usually with a dark patch near the middle, lower surface sparsely **appressed**-hairy, tips squared off or notched with a **terminal** tooth, **stipules** strongly toothed, hairy on lower surface. **Standard** petal 4-5 mm long. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow. Flower clusters 2-5-flowered. Flowers mainly Sep.-Jan.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Medicago-arabica>
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