

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leaves. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



Seed cases. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



Leaves. Photographer Arthur Chapman, Werribee State Park, Vic

## Common name

Black medic

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Grassy areas, often moist, roadsides, and disturbed sites. Mainly Sydney area and the ACT. Sporadic elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or short-lived **perennial** herb to 1 m tall or **prostrate**. Stems more or less hairy, often sticky. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets each 0.4-1.8 cm long, 4-10 mm wide, margins toothed towards the tips; **stipules** strongly toothed, hairy on lower surface. Flowers 1-3 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow. Flowers in 10-50-flowered clusters. Flowers mainly Oct.-Apr.

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

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