

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



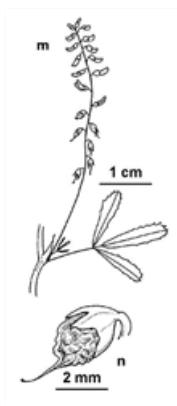
Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, beach north of Depot Beach



Pods and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Lake George



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. m. flowering shoot; n. pod. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board.

Common name

Hexham scent, King Island melilot, Hexham scented melilot, Sweet melilot

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, and along streams. Mainly coastal including the Sydney area away from the coast. Canberra and nearby. Sporadic elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 1 m tall, fragrant. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.5-3 cm long, 2-15 mm wide, hairless or slightly hairy, margins toothed, tips blunt or notched, **stipules** more or less lance **head** shaped, mostly 5-10 mm long, dilated and toothed towards the base. Flowers have an unpleasant scent like vanilla. Flowers yellow, 2-3 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, in cylindrical clusters of 10-60 flowers. Flowers mainly Spring.

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

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