

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plants. Photographer Russell Best, north of Bendigo, Vic



Seeding plant. Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Conservation Area east of Goulburn



Line drawings. d. plant; detail of flowers. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Slender plantain, Shade plantain

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, and moist sites. Widespread.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb, flower stalks to 0.7 m tall, hairy, not ridged. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, mostly 3-15 cm long, 8-40 mm wide, hairy, thin-textured, hairy, with 3-5 longitudinal **veins**, margins sometimes toothed, tips usually blunt. Pale brown hairs at the bases of the leaves. Leaf stalks short and usually grade into the leaf **blade**. Flowers tubular, with 4 brown lobes each to 1 mm long. **Sepals** 1.5-2.2 mm long or rarely more. Flowers in cylindrical **spikes** 40-100 mm long in flower, to 300 mm long in seed. Flowers separated from each other at maturity. Flowers all year.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Plantago~debilis> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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