

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



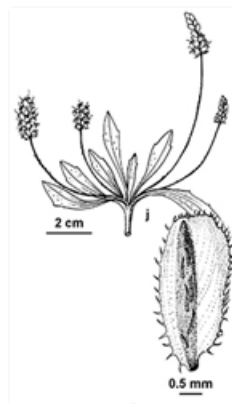
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Common name

Hairy Plantain

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Open **forest**, rock crevices, shallow soils, and mossy soil on rock outcrops. Often near the sea. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to about 0.35 m high, with a persistent and often stout taproot. Flower stalks mostly to 0.3 m long, hairy. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, mostly 4–9 cm long, 3–15 mm wide, usually hairy, with 1–5 longitudinal **veins**, margins toothed or almost **entire**, tips usually blunt. Short white or pale-brown hairs in the **axils**. Flowers tubular, the tube 1.5–2.5 mm long, with 4 lobes 1.3–1.5 mm long, **spreading** or turned back. **Sepals** 2.2–3 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 1–3 mm long, with a hairy **keel**. Flower **spike** mostly 10–60 mm long, the flowers usually close together. Flowering: Sep.–Mar.

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~hispid> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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