

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower spike. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Cooma



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, north of Bodalla



Uprooted plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Cooma



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## Common name

Large plantain, Greater Plantain

## Family

Plantaginaceae

## Where found

Moist pasture and moist, often disturbed sites including along streams and seepage lines. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced** short lived **perennial** herb with a mostly adventitious root system. Flower stalks to 0.4 m high, hairy with short hairs. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, mostly 4-22 cm long, 20-120 mm wide, hairy to hairless, with 5-7 longitudinal **veins**, margins **entire** or with a few blunt teeth, tips pointed to rounded. Leaf stalks about the same length as the leaf **blades**, and easily differentiated from them. Flowers tubular, the tube 2-2.5 mm long, with 4 lobes 1.5-2 mm long, **spreading** or turned down. **Sepals** 2-2.5 mm long. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 2.5-3 mm long. Flowers in cylindrical **spikes** about 80-250 mm long, dense except near the base. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Plantago~major> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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