

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Nungatta State Forest south of Eden



Shrub. Photographer Darren Hughes, Lake Sepping, WA



Shrub. Photographer Sophy, South Africa

Common name

African scurf-pea, Blue psoralea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, rocky areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, swamps, and along streams. Coastal. Blue Mountains near the Great Western Highway.

Notes

Introduced shrub to 5 m tall. Younger stems hairy or hairless, slightly ribbed. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, appearing crowded, 2-5 cm long, **compound**, with 5-11 leaflets each 2-4.5 cm long, 0.8-2 mm wide, channelled above, surfaces hairy, **gland**-dotted, tips pointed, margins entire. Flowers 15-18 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, white to pale mauve with blue or mauve to purplish markings. Flowers in clusters of 1-6. Flowers Spring to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Psoralea~pinnata> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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