

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



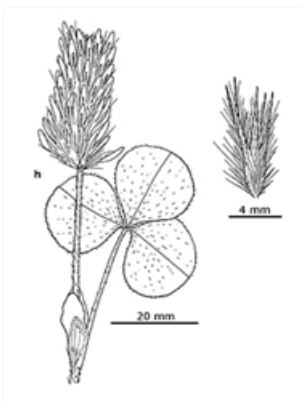
Flower and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Dave Mallinson, above Kambah Pool, Murrumbidgee River, Canberra, ACT



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Gungahlin, ACT



Seed case. Photographer Zoya Akulova, California, USA



Line drawings. h. leaf; flower head; seeding calyx. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Crimson clover

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Grassy areas and disturbed sites. ACT and Queanbeyan. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 0.5 m tall. **Calyx** teeth spiny, and **spreading** at the seeding stage. Stems moderately hairy to hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 1-2.8 cm long, 10-20 mm wide, **appressed**-hairy, finely toothed on the margins of the upper part of the leaves, tips rounded or rounded with a small notch; **stipules** membranous, veined, and hairy. Flower **heads** 75-125 flowered, oval to cylindrical, 20-60 mm long. Individual flowers red to purple, to 13 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, two joined together to form the **keel**. Flowers mainly Oct-Dec.

Varieties not recognised in NSW.

PlantNET description (as *Trifolium incarnatum*): <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=NSWfl&lvl=sp&name=Trifolium~incarnatum> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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