

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Walcha



Seed case. Photographer Robert Hille, unknown place



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

## Common name

Red clover

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Grassy areas and disturbed sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 1 m tall or sprawling. **Calyx** teeth blunt. Stems moderately hairy to hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 1.5-6 cm long, 7-35 mm wide, **appressed**-hairy on both surfaces or on just the lower surface, surfaces sometimes spotted, tips pointed, blunt, or rounded with a small notch, margins virtually **entire**, **stipules** fused to the stalks, membranous, veined, and hairy or becoming hairless. Flower **heads** globular or oval, 14-30 mm long, with more than 100 flowers. Flower heads single or paired. Individual flowers pink or pinkish red to purple, 14-18 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Flowers mainly Oct.–May.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Trifolium-pratense> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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