

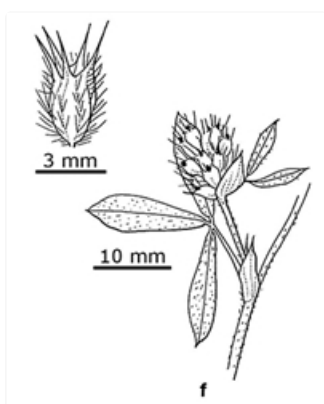
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, ACT



Seed case and leaves. Photographer Zoya Akulova, California, USA



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

Common name

Knotted clover

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Grassy areas and disturbed sites. Widespread. Rare on the coast and ranges.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.6 m tall or **spreading**. **Calyx** teeth spiny, **erect** or slightly spreading at the seeding stage. Stems sparsely to densely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.3-2.5 cm long, 1.5-13 mm wide, **appressed**-hairy on both surfaces, **lateral veins** mostly straight near the margins, upper margin with minute teeth, tips with a minute **mucro**, and blunt to rounded with a small notch; **stipules** submembranous, appressed-hairy, green-veined, fused to the stalks for up to half their length. Flower **heads** oval to cylindrical, 6-20 mm long, 8-15 mm wide, 20-40-flowered. Individual flowers pink, 5-7 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, persistent at the seeding stage. Flowers mainly Oct.-Jan. **Calyces** surrounding the individual pods at the seeding stage.

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

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