

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



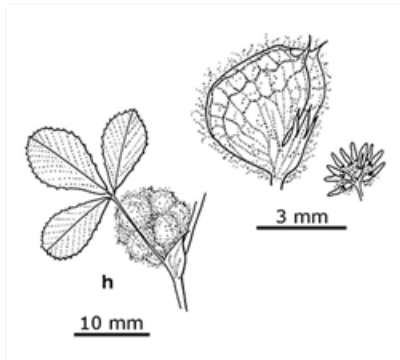
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Common name

Woolly Clover

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Naturalised. Sydney area, Canberra, and Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.6 m high or sprawling to **prostrate**. **Calyx** teeth blunt. Stems cylindrical or furrowed, and hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.4–1.5 cm long, 2–10 mm wide, wholly hairless or sparsely hairy on the lower surface, margins toothed, tips rounded, squared off, or rounded with a small notch; **stipules** membranous, joined together in the lower half. Flower **heads** many-flowered, 6–12 mm long, 5–8 mm wide. Individual flowers pink, 3–6 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, falling early. **Calyces** of individual flowers at first about 3.5 mm long, later much inflated at the pod stage, and **woolly-hairy** to hairless. Flowers Sep.–Nov.

Varieties not recognised in NSW.

PlantNET description (as *Trifolium tomentosum*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Trifolium~tomentosum> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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