

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



Flowering stem. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



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Common name

Slender Vetch

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, roadsides, and other disturbed sites, often in damp situations. Coast, ranges, and tablelands north from Moss Vale. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb, to 0.8 m tall, sprawling to **erect**, or climbing. Stems angular, hairless or hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1-4.5 cm long excluding the tendril at the tip, **compound**, with mostly 6-12 leaflets. Leaflets each 0.3-2.5 cm long, 0.5-3.5 mm wide, tips pointed or blunt, and **mucronate**, surfaces hairless or **appressed-hairy**. **Stipules entire**, without **glands**. Flowers 5-8 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, pale blue to pink, the **standard** petal with purple **veins**. Flower stalks longer than the flowers. Flowers in clusters of 1-3 flowers. Flowers Winter to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Vicia-tetrasperma> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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