

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Russell Best, Sunbury, Vic



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Kororoit Creek, Vic



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Flowering plant. Photographer katarina, Cooma

## Common name

Emu-foot, Emu grass, Tough scurf-pea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and near streams. Widespread, but not coast and ranges.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, more or less **erect**, to 0.3 m tall, or sprawling with stems to about 50 cm long. Stems angular, grooved, hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with 5-7 leaflets, the lower leaves occasionally with 3 leaflets each 0.5-7 cm long, 1-15 mm wide, almost hairless, dotted with **glands**, margins **entire**, tips more or less pointed. Flowers 2-5 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, bluish or mauve-purple. **Calyx** 2-5 mm long. Flowers in **spike**-like clusters, mostly in 2s or 3s along the **rachis**. Rachis 20-60 mm long. Flowers most of the year.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Endangered Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cullen-tenax> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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