

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Jackie Miles, Cessnock

Common name

Mouse Plantain

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassland, and gardens. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Introduced annual herb with a taproot. Flower stalks mostly to 0.2 m high, hairy. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, mostly 3–15 cm long, 2–20 mm wide, hairy to hairless, mainly on the **veins**, usually with 3 longitudinal veins, margins toothed, tips pointed or blunt. Leaf stalks to about 5 cm long. Flowers tubular, the tube about 1 mm long, with 4 lobes 1.6–3.3 mm long, **erect**. **Sepals** about 2 mm long, hairy, with a narrow **keel**. Sepal-like **bracts** just beneath the flowers 1.5–2.5 mm long. Flowers in dense cylindrical **spikes** 20–250 mm long. Flowers spring-summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Plantago~myosuros> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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