

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra

Common name

A hovea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, mainly on sandstone. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands, north from Morton National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall. Stems densely hairy with brown, grey-brown or sometimes partly blackish, **simple** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2.5–6 cm long, 3–11 mm wide, arched mostly nearer the margins, **midrib** shallowly recessed, margins curved to rolled down, tips rounded to somewhat pointed or sometimes notched, **mucro** short or absent; upper surface green, dull, hairless except for scattered hairs along the midrib, **veins** slightly raised and thickened; lower surface completely covered by thick, cream, golden, or golden-brown curled hairs, with scattered long, **spreading** hairs interspersed, midrib hairs dense, orange-brown to brown, scattered, also with long spreading hairs, **venation** pattern faintly shown by the darker coloured hairs along the veins. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 8–10 mm long, mauve, with a yellow marking. Flowers in 2-3 flowered clusters. Flowers in August–September.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hovea~speciosa> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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