

# Psoralea pinnata

## COMMON NAME

Dally pine

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Psoralea pinnata* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

PSOPIN

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Shrublands, especially dry slow growing shrublands, coastal areas, tracksides, road verges, dry gullies, and forest margins. Shrublands

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Much-branched shrub or small tree, to approx. 5m high; twigs sparsely to moderately hairy, ribbed. Leaves imparipinnate, sparsely to moderately hairy, petiolate; leaflets filiform, acute to acuminate, in 1~4 opposite pairs, 15~40mm long; stipules connate at base, lanceolate, 3~6mm long.

Flowers axillary, solitary or in small clusters amongst leaves; pedicels 3~8mm long; bracts subtending pedicel lanceolate, 4~8mm long; bracteoles connate into a closed cup on the pedicel. Calyx hairy; calyx teeth < tube, triangular; lowest tooth slightly larger. Wings and keel white to pale blue; standard deeper blue or mauve toward apex, 12~18mm long. Pod glabrous, wrinkled, elliptic, 1-seeded, 4~5mm long; seeds smooth, dark brown. (-Webb et. al., 1988)

## FLOWERING

November, December, January

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Violet/Purple

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1870

## ORIGIN

South Africa

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## ETYMOLOGY

**pinnata**: From the Latin pinna 'feather', in botany pinnatus 'pinnate' refers an arrangement of leaves, veins or branches in rows along a central axis, similar to the structure of a feather.



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