

Alpine Rusty-pods *Hovea montana*

When to look:

Flowering usually occurs
October - December

Similar species:

If leaves are longer than 3.2 cm then it isn't *Hovea montana*.

Similar in appearance to the Rockfield Purple Pea (*Hovea tasmanica*).

H. tasmanica grows much taller however: up to 3m. The upper surface of the leaves also have small hairs along the midrib and are slightly larger in size. It is also endemic to Tasmania, while *H. montana* can be found in eastern Victoria and parts of NSW as well as in Tasmania.



Deep purple flowers are pea-like and stalkless.



Leaves are oblong shape, narrow and 1.3-2cm long. The edges of the leaves are bent downwards. Upper leaf surface is glossy green and hairless. Underside covered with light brown hairs

Low spreading, dense shrub usually up to 0.5m high and 1.5m in diameter.

Stem and branches covered in small, white-grey hairs

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