

***Hovea acutifolia***  
(Fabaceae)

- Common name:** Pointed-leaved hovea.
- Localities:** Mt Coot-tha and around Gold Creek Reservoir.
- Growth form:** A woody well-branched shrub to 2 m tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves simple, up to 9 cm long and 2 cm wide, tapering to each end, dark green on the upper surface, rusty-hairy on the under surface.
- Flowers and fruit:** Plants can be spectacular when they flower in spring, with masses of small, purple pea-flowers.
- Habitat:** Mostly on sandy or gravelly soils in open eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** Seeds need to be scarified before they will germinate. Plants are tolerant of drought once established.
- General:** The related species *H. purpurea* (hovea) has been collected in our area (Brisbane River Bank). It also is a species of open eucalypt forest.

