

Kennedia prostrata
Commonly: Scarlet Runner, Running Postman
Vascular Plant Family: Fabaceae

Flowers winter and spring

Kennedia prostrata is a prostrate, ground hugging plant.



The stems are covered in dense white, spreading hairs.



The leaves are 5cm long and have 3 leaflets (trifoliate leaf) with a wavy margin. Where the leaf stalk arises from the stem there is a pair of broadly triangular shaped, leafy stipules which can be up to 1cm long.



There are 1 or 2 flowers in each cluster in the leaf axil. The calyx has white spreading hairs on its surface. The flowers are red up to 2.5cm long. The large backward pointing petal (standard) has a yellow eye at its base.



The pods are up to 5cm long, hairy, especially obvious when young, but becoming brown with age. When ripe they open explosively.

