



Two-bristle Greenhood Orchid  
*Pterostylis biseta*  
A native treasure of Moorunde

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# Salvation Jane

*Echium plantagineum*

## Declared plant in South Australia 2013

Native to western Europe. Introduced as an ornamental garden plant in 1843.

### Description

Erect annual herb to 60 cm high covered in short bristly hairs. Usually seeds germinate in autumn and form a rosette over winter. Stems form in late winter and flowering starts in spring continuing for several months. Plants die in summer.

**Leaves** green to light-green, alternate, hairy, thick. Rosette leaves to 30 cm long, elliptical to paddle-shaped, hairy, distinctly veined, shortly stalked. Stem leaves smaller, strongly hairy, stalkless, heart-shaped at base, almost clasping the stem.

**Flowers** purplish-blue (rarely pink or white), funnel-shaped, 30-40 mm long produced in terminal clusters, 5 protruding stamens, 2 longer than other 3, Sep - Dec. The green calyx remains after the corolla falls, enclosing 4 seeds.

**Seeds** dark-brown to grey, tough, angular, beaked, 3 mm long, 2 mm wide, three sided, strongly wrinkled and pitted. Up to 30,000 seeds/m<sup>2</sup> can be produced in ungrazed pastures.

**Root**, stout taproot with numerous laterals.

([www.dpti.sa.gov.au](http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au))



Mature plant ([stca.tas.gov.au](http://stca.tas.gov.au))



Rosette form of young plant before growth of stems ([stca.tas.gov.au](http://stca.tas.gov.au))



Flower and seed detail



Seedling ([www.weeds.org.au](http://www.weeds.org.au))



Juvenile ([www.weeds.org.au](http://www.weeds.org.au))

