**Plantago coronopus**

**Scientific Name**

*Plantago coronopus* L.

**Synonyms**

*Plantago coronopus* L. subsp. *commutata* (Guss.) Pilger  
*Plantago coronopus* L. subsp. *coronopus*

**Family**

Plantaginaceae

**Common Names**

buckhorn plantain, buck’s horn plantain, buck’s-horn plantain, buckshorn plantain, cut leaf plantain, cut-leaf plantain, cutleaf plantain, cut-leaved plantain, star-of-the-earth

**Origin**

Native to northern Africa (i.e. Algeria, Egypt, Libya and Morocco), the Azores, the Madeira Islands, the Canary Islands, Europe, western Asia and Pakistan.

**Naturalised Distribution**

Two subspecies are naturalised in Australia, and their distributions are as follows:

*Plantago coronopus* subsp. *commutata* is widely naturalised in southern and eastern Australia (i.e. in large parts of New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, in many parts of South Australia, and in the southern and western parts of Western Australia). Also sparingly naturalised in south-eastern Queensland.

*Plantago coronopus* subsp. *coronopus* - is widely naturalised in southern and eastern Australia (i.e. in south-eastern Queensland, eastern New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, the south-eastern and southern parts of South Australia, and the coastal districts of south-western Western Australia). Also naturalised in the southern parts of the Northern Territory.

**Notes**

Buck’s-horn plantain (*Plantago coronopus*) is regarded as an environmental weed in Victoria and Western Australia.
close-up of narrow leaves, usually with several small lobes (Photo: Sheldon Navie)
close-up of flowers with prominent stamens (Photo: Sheldon Navie)
close-up of immature fruit (Photo: Sheldon Navie)
young plant (Photo: Sheldon Navie)