

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Bombay bossiaea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

On sandy, rocky slopes and terraces above the flood line in **shrubland**, rarely in **woodland**. Tablelands along the Shoalhaven River west of Braidwood.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m tall, **rhizomatous**. Stems flat becoming round or oval in cross section, usually zig-zaggy, heavily tinged red when young, hairy soon becoming hairless, dark green, 2-5 mm wide. Leaves on **juvenile** growth **alternating** up the stems, scale-like, 0.07-0.12 cm long, about 1 mm wide. Otherwise leafless. Flowers pea-shaped with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Calyx 3.5-5 mm long, lobes of the **calyx** all the same shape and almost the same size. **Standard** petal 6.5-8 mm long, 9.5-11 mm wide, yellow with a red flare on the inner surface and red and yellow towards the margins on the outer surface, **wings** yellow with brownish red markings near the base, keel dark red with a pale pink base. Flowers Spring.

Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=20125> (accessed 4 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bossiaea~bombayensis> (accessed 4 January 2021)

Description mainly based on McDougall, K.L., (2009) Four new species related to *Bossiaea bracteosa* F.Muell. ex Benth. in south-eastern Australia *Telopea* 12(3) 351–354

Later description in Thompson, I.R., (2012) A revision of eastern Australian *Bossiaea* (Fabaceae: Bossiaceae). *Muelleria* 30(2): 167-168

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