

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Paul Hadobas, north of Braidwood



Leaves. Photographer David Francis, Macedon Ranges, Vic.



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Common name

Matted bossiaea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

A range of **habitats**, mostly dry **forest**, **woodland**, and grassy areas. Widespread.

Notes

Prostrate or sprawling **shrub** to 0.5 m tall, occasionally **erect**, to 1.3 m tall. Stems cylindrical, sparsely to moderately hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, elliptical to round, 0.2-0.7 cm long, 2-5 mm wide, upper surface darker than the lower surface, margins curved down, bases often more or less **cordate**. Leaf stalks less than 1 mm long, without a joint. Flowers 6-10 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Front of **standard** petal yellow with a red flare, back brown to dark red, **wings** red and purplish, sometimes yellowish at the tips, keel dark red to purplish. flowers single. Flowers Spring to Summer.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bossiaea~buxifolia> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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