

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Young pods and leaves. Photographer Lyn Allison, Westgate Park, Melbourne



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## Common name

None

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Open forest, woodland, and heath. Coastal south of Tathra.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 3 m tall. Stems cylindrical, hairy. Sharp-pointed leaves. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, opposite each other or **whorled**, 0.5-2.3 cm long, 2-7 mm wide, upper surface dark green, hairless, smooth or covered with minute warts; lower surface usually hairless except for scattered hairs on the **veins**, bases rounded, **cordate** or squared off. Flowers pea-shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal to about 11 mm long, yellow with a red flare or completely yellow inside, often mostly red outside, **wings** yellow, sometimes with a small red mark, keel red. Flowers usually single. Flowers Winter to Summer.

Rare Vic.

This name has not yet been accepted by the Council of **Heads** of Australasian Herbaria (accessed 3 April 2021)

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/2b1c3234-1516-48dd-8967-2beacc0febd0> (accessed 3 April 2021)

Description in Thompson, I.R., (2012) A revision of eastern Australian *Bossiaea* (Fabaceae: Bossiidae). *Muelleria* 30(2): 123-124

This paper states that *Bossiaea cinerea* only occurs in western Victoria, and that NSW plants from the far south coast are *Bossiaea cordifolia*.

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