

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers on stem. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay Territory



Flowers on stems. Photographer Russell Best, near Mallacoota, Vic

Common name

Sword bossiaea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Coast. Ranges and eastern edge of the tablelands north of Ulladulla.

Notes

Shrub, sprawling or to 1.5 m tall, **rhizomatous**. Stems flat, hairless or sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, a few on regrowth or **juvenile** growth, almost round, to 1.5 cm long, usually reduced to **scales** 0.06-0.2 cm long, 0.6-1 mm wide. Flowers mostly 6-11 mm long, pea-shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal yellow with a red flare inside, red outside, **wings** yellow, sometimes tinged red, keel pale greenish yellow, sometimes tinged pink at the tip. Flowers Winter to Spring.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bossiaea-ensata> (accessed 5 January, 2020)

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