

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems, photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT



Flowers on stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Central Plateau, Tas

## Common name

River leafless bossiaea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Grassy areas in dry **forest** or **woodland**. South of Nerriga. Tablelands, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

Low-growing **erect** or sprawling **shrub** to 1 m tall, more or less hairless. Stems to about 5 mm wide, cylindrical, or flattened in cross section, **winged**. Leaves reduced to **scales** 0.07-0.15 cm long, 0.3-0.5 mm wide. Flowers 6-12 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal yellow with a red flare inside, reddish to purplish or reddish grading to yellow on the back, **wings** yellow or brownish red, keel reddish to purplish. Flowers single or several together. Flowers Winter to Summer.

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

Rare Vic.

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

Description partly based on Thompson, I.R., (2012) A revision of eastern Australian *Bossiaea* (Fabaceae: Bossiaeeae). *Muelleria* 30(2): 164-165

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