

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles,
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Common name

A parrot-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

On the edge of teatree and sphagnum peaty swamps and Snow Gum **woodland**. Kosciuszko National Park northwards towards Brindabella.

Notes

Shrub to 0.5 m high, or sprawling, occasionally forming mats to 1.5 m in diameter. Bark minutely fissured. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.25–0.6 cm long, less than 1 mm wide, spirally twisted, rarely almost straight, **linear**, triangular to flattened in cross section, tips pointed or blunt, **mucronate**, shortly curved, surfaces hairless, occasionally with a few hairs towards the tips. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 8-9.5 mm wide, orange-yellow with red markings, **wings** orange-yellow, sometimes grading to red at the base, keel dark red, sometimes grading to green at the base. Flowers in clusters of 1-3, one to many clusters at the end of, and extending down the stems. Flowers Summer.

Description above partly taken from: Jobson, P.C. & Weston, P.H., (1999) Two new species of *Dillwynia* (Fabaceae: Mirbelieae) from the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales. *Telopea*. 8(3): 366, figs 2, 3 (map).

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dillwynia~palustris> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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