

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bobundara Nature Reserve south of Cooma



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT



Shrubs. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer M Crisp, near Smokers Flat, Namadgi National Park, ACT

Common name

Common shaggy-pea, Golden shaggy-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, **heath**, alpine **herbfields**, and along streams. Widespread. Uncommon on the coast.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall or sprawling. Leaves with sharp points. Stems tough and **wiry**, hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves mostly in irregular **whorls** of 3 or 4, 0.5-3.5 cm long, 2-10 mm wide, occasionally **cordate**, upper surface with small tubercles, **reticulate**, hairless, lower surface with **silky**, **appressed** hairs. Flowers 8-12 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow to orange, sometimes with red markings, and usually with red **keels**. Flowers in dense clusters. Flowers Spring to Summer. Pods shaggy hairy.

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=Oxylobium~ellipticum> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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