

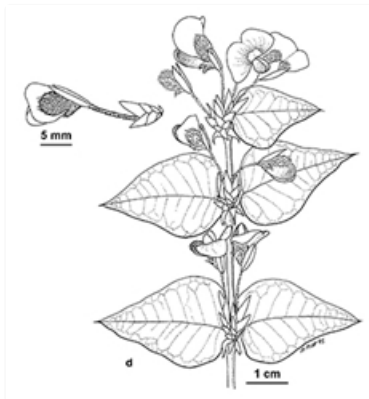
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Brindabella Range near Piccadilly Circus, NSW



Shrub. Photographer Schuster, T.M., ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Line drawings. d. flowering branch, flower, bracts and scales. MIVbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

A Flat Pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and grassy areas. Tablelands, ACT, Western Slopes, and Kosciuszko National Park

Notes

Weakly **erect** or sprawling **shrub** to 2 m tall (rarely more than 0.5 m tall in the ACT). Stems hairless or hairy with minute hairs. Leaves mostly opposite each other, occasionally a few **alternating** up the stems, 2.2-5 cm long, 10-40 mm wide, bases usually **cordate**, occasionally squared off or broadly rounded; margins nearly flat to slightly rolled down; tips almost pointed to narrowly pointed, with an abrupt point to about 2 mm long, often spine-like, not sharp; upper surface commonly moderately warty, lower surface becoming hairless, leaf stalks 2-8 mm long. An obvious junction between the leaf stalk and the leaf. **Calyx** 5-10 mm long. Standard petal 10-15 mm long. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow with red markings, the back of the **standard** petal purple-brown throughout or with narrow yellow bands at the sides. The brown to red-brown **bracteoles** (4-10 mm long) are inserted 0.5-2 mm below the flower, and are hairless, with hairs only along the midline, or rarely hairy all over. The **bracts** are 3-6 mm long, and hairless except for the margins. Flowers in clusters of 1-4. Flowers Spring-Summer.

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

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/bfabfe9f-0fab-482c-9294-920b5f7f24c0> (accessed 2 May 2021)

Description partly based on Thompson, I.R., (2011) A revision of *Platylobium* (Fabaceae: Bossiaeeae). *Muelleria* 29(2): 164-166, Figs 3, 4

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