

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Sydney SGAP show

Common name

Prickly Bush-pea, Bearded bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**, in moist places. Illawarra Highway to south of Sydney Harbour.

Notes

Shrub to 0.4 m tall, sometimes rooting at the **nodes**. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves with sharp tips, **alternating** up the stems, 0.8-2.2 cm long, 1-2.2 mm wide, concave in cross section, margins rolled upwards, both surfaces the same colour, and strongly warty. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 10-13 mm long, yellow to orange, with red to red-brown markings, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red. **Bracteoles linear** to triangular, papery, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense leafy clusters. Flowers Spring. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

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NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10710> (accessed 7 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-aristata> (accessed 7 January 2021)

Description partly taken from: Kok, R.P.J. de & West, J.G., (2002) A revision of *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae) 1. Species with **ovaries** hairless and/or with tufted hairs. *Australian Systematic Botany* 15(1): 87-88, Fig. 2 (map)

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