

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



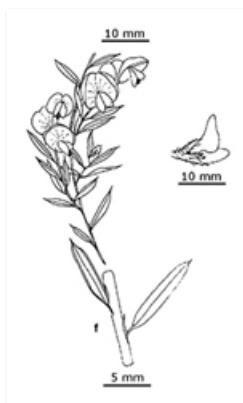
Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Nullica State Forest west of Eden



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Grampians, Vic



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Grampians, Vic



Line drawings: f. flowering stem leaves and stipules; flower. J Armstrong, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Bentham's bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, and **heath**, often on along streams or in rocky areas. Coast, ranges, and tablelands south from the northern end of South East Forests National Park north west of Bega.

Notes

Shrub to 3.5 m tall. Stems slightly ridged, hairy when young. Leaves **alternating** up the stems or opposite each other, 0.4-3 cm long, 1-4 mm wide, tips pointed, margins curved down, upper surface hairless, darker than the lower surface; lower surface usually hairy. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 11-13 mm long, yellow to orange, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red to purple. **Bracteoles** boat-shaped to **linear**, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense clusters. Flowers Spring. Pods sparsely hairy, smooth.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswwfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea~benthamii> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

Description mostly taken from: Kok, R.P.J. de & West, J.G., (2004) A revision of the genus *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae) 3. The eastern species with curved down leaves. *Australian Systematic Botany* 17(3): 276-277, Fig. 1 (map)

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