

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



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Common name

Curved Bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, often on rocky hillsides. Ranges and the eastern part of the tablelands, north from the Blue Mountains.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m tall or **prostrate**. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.9–1.5 cm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, cylindrical in cross section with a groove on the upper surface, tips with a stiff bristle, both surfaces the same colour, and warty. Flowers to 10 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 8–8.8 mm long, yellow to orange with red-brown stripes on the front, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red. **Bracteoles linear** to triangular, papery, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense leafy clusters. Flowers September to November. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-echinula> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

Description above partly based on 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): 90, Fig. 3 (map)

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