

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer R Hill, Tynang, Vic



Shrub. Photographer Arthur Chapman, near Ballarat, Vic.



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

Common name

Dwarf bush pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and swamps. Western Slopes.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m high to **prostrate**, **rhizomatous**. Stems sparsely to moderately hairy, old stems scarred with broken off **stipules** and leaf-bases. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.4–1.6 cm long, 1–4.5 mm wide, leathery, tips pointed; upper surface hairless, paler than lower surface; lower surface hairy or hairless; margins curved upwards. Flowers 10–13 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to red with red-brown stripes, **wings** yellow to red, keel yellow to red brown. **Bracteoles** **linear** to triangular, rarely with 3 teeth at the tips, fringed, papery, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense to somewhat lax leafy clusters, usually at the ends of the branches. Flowers spring-summer. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=20095> (accessed 7 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-humilis> (accessed 7 January 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): 96-97, Fig. 5 (map)

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