

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



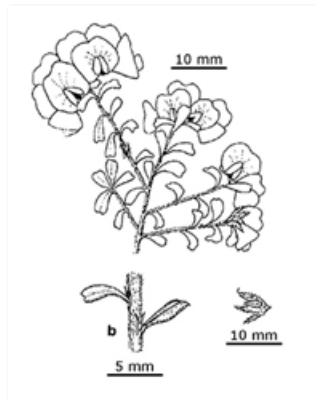
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Line drawings. b. flowering stem leaves and stipules; calyx. J Armstrong, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Twiggy bush pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Western Slopes. Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **mallee**.

Notes

Rigid **shrub** to 1.3 m high. Leaf tips sometimes sharp. Stems cylindrical, **appressed**-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.3–1 cm long, 0.5–4 mm wide, concave in cross section to folded lengthwise, tips blunt and curved down, margins curved to rolled upwards, upper surface usually hairless, paler than the lower surface; lower surface with pale, appressed hairs, occasionally slightly rough. Flowers 6–10 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal yellow to orange, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red to purple. **Bracteoles** mostly hairy, boat-shaped to **linear**, or 3-toothed at the tips, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in 1–8-flowered, often **head**-like, clusters. Flowers July–December. Pods hairy, smooth.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-largiflorens> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

Description partly 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): 294–295, Fig. 9 (map)

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