

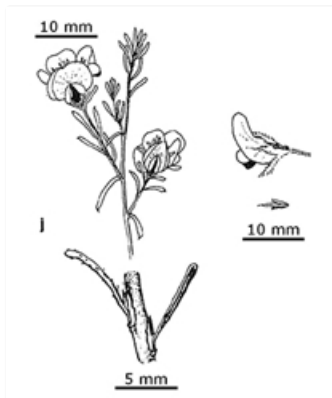
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Apsley, Vic?



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Lotia Conservation Park, Adelaide, SA



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

Common name

A Bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, wet **heath**, and margins of swamps or streams. Western Slopes and ACT. Occasionally on the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 1.1 m tall, or **prostrate** to sprawling. Bark smooth, red to pinkish brown, becoming brown with age. Stems hairy when young. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.3–1.2 cm long, 0.4–1.4 mm wide, cylindrical with a groove on the upper surface, tips blunt and curved down, upper surface (if visible) light green and hairless; lower surface becoming hairless, slightly rough. Flowers 6–9 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal yellow to red with red streaks, **wings** yellow to red, keel red to brown or purple. **Bracteoles** 3-toothed at the tips, papery, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers in about 3–6 flowered **head**-like clusters, often leafy. Flowers July to February. Pods sparsely hairy to hairy, smooth.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

Description partly taken from: Kok, R.P.J. de & West, J.G., (2003) A revision of the genus *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae) 2. Eastern Australian species with velutinous **ovaries** and curved upwards leaves. *Australian Systematic Botany* 16(2): 247–248, Fig. 5

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