

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



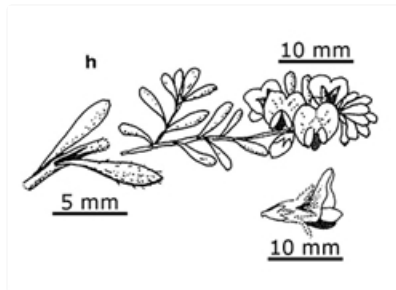
Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, east of Braidwood



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Wadbilliga National Park



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer M Crisp, Mongarlowe, east of Braidwood



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

Common name

Low bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Wet to dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and disturbed sites, usually in stony areas. Widespread. Rarely coastal.

Notes

Shrub, **prostrate** or to 0.6 m tall. Stems hairy to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.2-1 cm long, 1-2 mm wide, concave in cross section, tips blunt, margins curved to rolled upwards, upper surface hairless, paler than the lower surface or both surfaces the same colour; lower surface covered in minute warts, with scattered, pale hairs. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 7.6-9.5 mm long, yellow to pink to orange-red, sometimes with red to red-brown markings. **Wings** yellow or pink to orange-red. Keel orange to red-brown. **Bracteoles** with 3 teeth at the tips, papery, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers in leafy clusters. Flowers most of the year. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

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

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nsfwl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea~subspicata> (accessed 4 April 2021)

Description partly taken from: 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): 108-109

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