

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leafy stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, McDonald State Forest north west of Milton



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer Rogier de Kok, SA.

Common name

Yellow bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, grassy areas and coastal cliffs. Coast and ranges. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall or **prostrate**. Stems hairy. Leaves with sharp tips, **alternating** up the stems, 1-2 cm long, 2-5 mm wide, flat to concave in cross section, tips with a stiff bristle, margins curved to rolled upwards, both surfaces the same colour. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 8-13.5 mm long, yellow to orange with red **striations** at the front. **Wings** yellow to orange. Keel yellow to red. **Bracteoles linear**, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers single or in pairs. Flowers most of the year. Pods sparsely hairy, smooth.

Endangered population in the Blue Mountains local government area (as *Pultenaea villifera*). 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 or a part of a threatened ecological community.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10720> (accessed 7 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Pultenaea~villifera+var.~villifera> (accessed 7 January 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): 266-267, Fig. 13

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