

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



Shrubs, Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Ian Telford, Mt Budawang east of Braidwood

## Common name

A bossiaea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**, on exposed rocky sites, and in moist **habitats**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands, mainly between the Kings Highway and the Illawarra Highway. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub**, **prostrate** or to 4 m tall. Stems mildly compressed at first, becoming cylindrical, hairy with white hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 1-3.5 cm long, 2-7 mm wide, upper surface hairless, lower surface sparsely hairy to hairless, paler than the upper surface, tips with a short point. Flowers usually 10-12 mm long, pea-shaped with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Front of **standard** petal yellow with a red flare, back generally red, **wings** light purplish brown with red streaks, keel red to dark brown. Flowers Spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bossiaea-kiamensis> (accessed 5 January, 2020)

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