

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Nowra



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bundanoon

## Common name

Spiny bossiaea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**, often on sandstone. Coast, ranges, and tablelands. Occasionally on the Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m tall. Ends of the branchlets spiny. Stems more or less flat to cylindrical, ridged, hairy, at least when young. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 0.3-0.6 cm long, 2-6 mm wide, more or less hairless, tips rounded or notched. Flowers mostly 8-10 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Front of **standard** petal yellow with a red flare, back red, **wings** purplish brown throughout or sometimes dirty yellow at the tip, keel pinkish grading to darker red. Flowers Winter to Spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bossiaea~obcordata> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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