

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers on stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Yerrilyong State Forest west of Sussex Inlet



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Common name

Broom bossiaea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**, often on sandstone. Coast and ranges north from Bermagui Nature Reserve.

Notes

Erect shrub to 1.5 or more tall, **rhizomatous**. Stems to about 25 mm wide, flat, **winged**, hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves only appearing on **juvenile** growth or regrowth, usually reduced to **scales** 0.1-0.2 cm long, 0.8-1.2 mm wide. Flowers 10-15 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal yellow with a red flare inside, reddish grading to purplish outside, **wings** purplish brown throughout or at least in the half towards the tips, keel pale greenish yellow to red. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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

Description partly based on Thompson, I.R., (2012) A revision of eastern Australian *Bossiaea* (Fabaceae: Bossiaeae). *Muelleria* 30(2): 161-162

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