

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

A Bossiaea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**, often on exposed rocky sites. Coastal north from Wollongong.

Notes

Shrub to about 1 m tall. Leaves with curved sharp tips. Stems flat, with ridges running down from the leaves, often with narrow **wings**, sparsely to moderately hairy, sometimes young growth with long, fine hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.7-2.5 cm long, 2-10 mm wide. Flowers 8-12 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Front of **standard** petal bright yellow with reddish markings, back mostly red. Wings reddish at the base, otherwise yellow. Keel pink grading to dark red.

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

Description partly based on Thompson, I.R., (2012) A revision of eastern Australian *Bossiaea* (Fabaceae: Bossiadeae). *Muelleria* 30(2): 148-149, Figs 10, 11 (map)

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