

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway, Wandandian Creek



Pods, flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Hitchkiss, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Running postman, Scarlet coral pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, roadsides, rocky outcrops, and dunes. Coast and ranges. Tablelands south from Goulburn.

Notes

Prostrate or twining **perennial** herb. Stems more or less hairy, with white hairs. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each mostly 0.6-3.5 cm long, 6-35 mm wide, margins wavy, upper surface more or less hairless, lower surface hairy, tips often notched, sometimes **mucronate**. Flowers 15-25 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, red, rarely white, the **standard** petal with a yellow spot at the base, single or paired. Flowers Winter to Spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Kennedia~prostrata> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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