

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Garoolgan Mallee, NSW

Common name

Prickly mirbelia

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Heath and rocky areas. Sydney area. Ranges, tablelands, and the ACT. Rare elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 0.5 m tall or **prostrate**. Leaves with sharp tips. Stems cylindrical, hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems or in irregular **whorls**, 0.8-1.5 cm long, about 1 mm wide, rigid, tips sharp, often curved down, margins rolled down, upper surface smooth or covered with minute warts, lower surface becoming hairless. Flowers 5-7 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow to red, with red to purple or blue markings. Flowers **axillary**, often single, up the stems. Flowers Spring.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Mirbelia~pungens> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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