

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Plumed Bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, (wet) **heath** on sandstone, exposed sandstone ridges, and swamps. Tablelands and ranges north from Tallaganda National Park near Braidwood. Mainly in the higher Blue Mountains.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m tall or sprawling to **prostrate**. Stems hairless to hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-1.45 cm long, 1.5–2.9 mm wide, concave in cross section, tips pointed to blunt, margins curved to rolled upwards, both surfaces the same colour or the lower surface darker than upper surface. Flowers 8–15 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal yellow to orange with red-brown stripes on the front and back; **wings** and keel yellow to orange. **Bracteoles** with 3 teeth at the tips, papery, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense leafy clusters. Flowers September to April. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

Hybrids between *Pultenaea canescens* and *Pultenaea foliolosa* have occasionally been found.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-canescens> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

Description partly based on Kok, R.P.J. de & West, J.G., (2002) A revision of *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae) 1. Species with **ovaries** hairless and/or with tufted hairs. *Australian Systematic Botany* 15(1): 88-89, Fig. 3 (map)

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