

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway near Burrill Lake



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Gosford

Common name

Graceful bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Wet to dry **forest** and **woodland**. Coast, ranges, and the the eastern part of the tablelands, mainly north from west of Moruya.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m tall. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves with sharp points, **alternating** up the stems, 0.4-2.2 cm long, 1.3-5 mm wide, tips pointed, margins flat or curved upwards, lower surface darker than upper surface. Flowers 8-12 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to orange with red to red-brown stripes at the front, **wings** yellow to orange, keel yellow to red. **Bracteoles linear** to triangular, papery, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers in leafy clusters. Flowers Winter to Spring. Pods hairless or with a tuft of hairs only at the tips.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-flexilis> (accessed 4 October 2019)

Description partly taken from: 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): 92-93, Fig. 4 (map)

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