

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Nadgigomar Nature Reserve north of Braidwood



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Brooks Hill Reserve, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Callen Road WSW of Nerriga

Common name

Spreading bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and grasslands. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall to **prostrate**, sometimes mat-forming. Leaves usually sharp-pointed. Stems sparsely to densely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.1-1.5 cm long, 0.5-3.5 mm wide, **linear** to wedge-shaped or oval, often folded lengthwise, the **midrib** terminating in a short, usually curved down **mucro** at the tip, or occasionally the tips strongly curved down and notched, margins flat to slightly rolled down, upper surface hairless to sparsely hairy, rarely warty; lower surface sparsely to moderately hairy, hairy with **appressed** hairs; midrib raised. Flowers 5-10 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to red with red to dark markings, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red to purple. **Bracteoles** linear to triangular, inserted at the base of or on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in leafy clusters of 2-4 flowers, or single, the clusters sometimes close together. Flowers most of the year. Pods densely to sparsely hairy, smooth.

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=Pultenaea-microphylla> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

Description partly taken from: Kok, R.P.J. de & West, J.G., (2004) A revision of the genus *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae) 3. The eastern species with curved down leaves. *Australian Systematic Botany* 17(3): 298-299, Fig. 11 (map)

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