

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



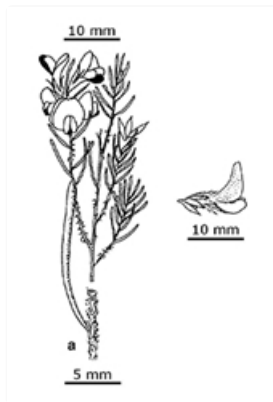
Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Ben Boyd National Park near Eden



Shrub. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Line drawings. a. flowering stem, leaves and stipules; flower. J Armstrong, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Guinea flower bush pea, Soft bush-pea, Sticky bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **heath**, and swamps. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands north of Milton and south of Tathra.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall. Stems sparsely to densely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-2.6 cm long, 0.2-1.6 mm wide, concave in cross section, tips pointed and slightly curved down, margins rolled upwards or rarely curved upwards, lower surface with loosely **appressed**, **spreading** or occasionally wart-based hairs; upper surface, when visible, hairless. Flowers 7-13 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow to orange with red markings, and red **keels**. **Bracteoles linear**, sticky, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube to boat-shaped, or 3-toothed at the tips. Flowers in leafy clusters. Flowers Spring to summer. Pods sparsely hairy, smooth.

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

Description partly taken from: Kok, R.P.J. de & West, J.G., (2003) A revision of the genus *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae) 2. Eastern Australian species with velutinous **ovaries** and curved upwards leaves. *Australian Systematic Botany* 16(2): 249-251, Fig. 5

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