

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Ian Robb, Tumby Wetlands, Tuggerah Lakes



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



Leafy stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Angourie

## Common name

Chaffy bush-pea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, swamps, sea cliffs, dunes. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands, north from Ulladulla. Occasional elsewhere.

## Notes

**Prostrate** to **erect shrub** to 1.5 m tall. Leaves with sharp points. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6-2.3 cm long, 0.8-6 mm wide, tips pointed, curved down, margins mostly rolled down, upper surface darker than the lower surface. Flowers 7-13 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to orange with red markings, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red to purple. **Bracteoles** boat-shaped to **linear**, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense clusters. Flowers Winter to Summer. Pods densely to sparsely hairy, smooth.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-paleacea> (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): 302-304, Fig. 13 (map)

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