

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Badgerys Creek, Sydney



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Geoff Butler, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, Campbelltown

Common name

Sydney Bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, **shrubland**, and **grassland**. Cumberland Plain, Sydney area and north.

Notes

Shrub to 1.8 m tall or **prostrate**. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.2–0.6 cm long, 0.5–2 mm wide, tips blunt to slightly notched, strongly curved down, margins curved upwards, both surfaces the same colour or lower surface darker than upper surface. Flowers 5–7 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal yellow to orange, with red streaks on the front, **wings** yellow to orange, keel yellow to red. **Bracteoles** papery, with 3 teeth at the tips, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers single at the bases of the leaves, in loose to dense leafy clusters, the leafy **bracts** beneath the flowers sometimes with enlarged **stipules**. Flowers June to January. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

Vulnerable Australia. Endangered NSW. Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Department of Environment & Heritage Threatened Species profile:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10715> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-parviflora> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

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): 99, Fig. 7 (map)

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