

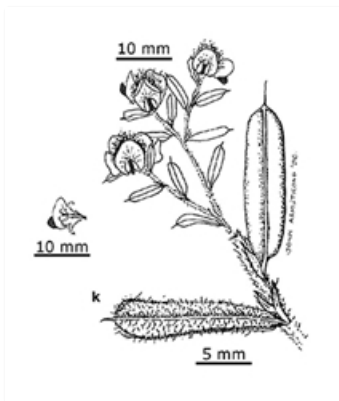
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT



Carpet. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kiandra



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

Common name

Dusky bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and grassy areas. Widespread. Most common in the Sydney area, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 1.3 m tall or **prostrate**, sometimes mat-forming. Leaves with sharp tips. Stems sparsely to moderately hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.2-3.5 cm long, 1-7 mm wide, convex in cross section, with a central groove, tips blunt with a stiff bristle and curved down or blunt with a fragile **mucro**, margins curved to rolled down, upper surface hairless, darker than the lower surface; lower surface with long, loose hairs; **midrib** flattened from above. Flowers 5-11 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to red, often with red markings, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red to purple. **Bracteoles** **linear** to 3-toothed at the tips, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense clusters. Flowers Spring to Summer. Pods densely to sparsely hairy, smooth.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-polifolia> (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): 308-309, Fig. 15 (map)

Author: Betty Wood.



Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition