

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



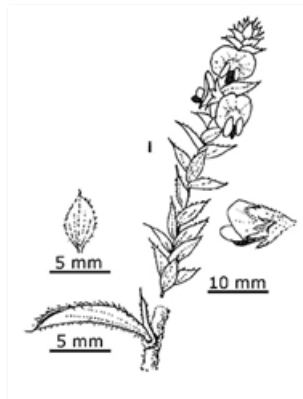
Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, above Kambah Pool, Murrumbidgee River, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Photographer Donald Hbbern, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



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

Common name

Heathy bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and grassy areas, often on stony soils. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, Western Slopes, and tablelands. Occasionally in the ranges.

Notes

Shrub, **prostrate** or to 0.7 m tall. Stems hairy to slightly **glaucous**. Leaves with sharp tips. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.2-1 cm long, 1-4 mm wide, strongly concave in cross section, tips with a stiff bristle or tapered to a long, sharp point, margins curved to rolled upwards, both surfaces the same colour or the lower surface darker than upper surface, surfaces sparsely hairy with the hairs denser at the margins (broad-leaved forms usually with raised **veins** on the lower surface). Flowers 7-10 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to red, sometimes with red to red-brown stripes at the front, **wings** orange to red, keel red. **Bracteoles** with 3 teeth at the tips, papery, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in leafy clusters. Flowers most of the year. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Pultenaea~procumbens> (accessed 2 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): 99-101, Fig. 7 (map)

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