

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Yerrilyong State Forest, west of Jervis Bay



Open pods and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer D Taylor, Gosford



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Common name

Rosemary bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Coast and ranges north from Bawley Point.

Notes

Upright **shrub**, **prostrate** or to 1.8 m tall. Leaves with sharp tips. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.6-4.5 cm long, 1.8-5.5 mm wide, convex in cross section with a deep central groove, tips blunt with a short stiff bristle, and somewhat curved down, margins curved to rolled down, both surfaces the same colour or the upper surface darker than the lower surface. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 10-11 mm long, yellow to red with red markings. **Wings** yellow to red. Keel red to purple. **Bracteoles** boat-shaped to **linear**, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense clusters. Flowers most of the year. Pods densely to sparsely hairy, smooth.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea~rosmarinifolia> (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): 314, Fig. 17 (map)

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