

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Colymea State Forest south west of Nowra



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Rogier de Kok, Royal National Park, Sydney

Common name

Wreath bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands, north from west of Milton. Rare elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall. Stems sparsely to moderately hairy, the hairs obscured by **stipules** that lie close to the stems. Leaves occasionally with sharp points, **alternating** up the stems, 0.3-2.5 cm long, 1.5-8 mm wide, flat to concave in cross section, tips pointed to blunt, rarely with a stiff bristle, margins curved upwards, lower surface darker than upper surface. Flowers 10-16 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to red, sometimes with red markings, **wings** yellow-red, keel yellow-red. Flowers in leafy clusters. **Bracteoles** **silky**, boat-shaped or with three teeth at the tips, with beige hairy margins, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers most of the year. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

Was *Pultenaea* sp. H and *Pultenaea* sp. aff. *elliptica*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Pultenaea~tuberculata> (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): 109-110, Fig. 11 (map)

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