

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Jervis Bay National Park, NSW



Flowering stems. Photographer Ian Robb, Tumby Wetlands, Tuggerah Lakes



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Hairy bush-pea, Bronze bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Wet and dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, grassy sites, and coastal dunes. Coast and ranges. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Shrub to 2.5 m tall, or **prostrate**. Bark smooth. Stems hairy to sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.3-1 cm long, 1.2-3 mm wide, tips blunt to rounded or rarely pointed, and curved down, margins curved to rolled upwards, upper surface hairless, slightly paler than the lower surface, **midrib** raised; lower surface with sparse, pale hairs, denser near the margins, both surfaces the same colour or the lower surface darker than upper surface. Flowers 5-12 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to orange, with red-brown stripes on the front, **wings** yellow to orange, keel red-brown. Flower in leafy clusters. **Bracteoles linear** to triangular or with three teeth at the tips, papery, usually inserted on the **calyx** tube. Pods with a tuft of hairs at the tips. Flowers most of the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pultenaea-villosa> (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): 111-112, Fig. 11 (map)

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