

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Newcombe, Vic



Open pods and stems. Photographer Kurt Stueber, unknown place



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## Common name

Spanish broom

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Usually found close to urban areas and near old farm houses. Roadsides and other disturbed sites, disturbed bushland, grassy areas, rocky areas, and near streams. Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** to 5 m tall. Stems hairless, **glaucous**-green, cylindrical, finely ribbed, somewhat fleshy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, lost after a few months, 1-4 cm long, 2-5 mm wide, hairless above, paler and **silky** below, margins **entire**; tips rounded. Flowers fragrant, 20-30 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 yellow **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, in clusters of 5-15. Flowers Spring to Summer. Seeds and leaves poisonous.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Greater Sydney and South East areas, NSW. Pest plant ACT.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/3fc1af9d-6328-4b51-9f95-caa7a0968ba6> (accessed 30 January 2021)

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