

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Olerenshaw, Paddys River bridge, NSW



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Common name

A bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Wet **heath** and swamps. Coast, ranges, and eastern tablelands, north from west of Milton.

Notes

Shrub to 1 m tall. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy. Leaves with sharp tips, **alternating** up the stems, 0.5-1.4 cm long, less than 1 mm wide, cylindrical in cross section with a groove on the upper surface, tips pointed, surfaces densely warty, both surfaces the same colour. Flowers 5-10 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to orange, often with red markings, **wings** yellow to orange, keel yellow. **Bracteoles linear**, inserted at the base of the **calyx** tube. Flowers in dense leafy clusters. Flowers Spring to Autumn. Pods sparsely hairy, smooth.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Pultenaea-divaricata> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

Description partly taken from: Kok, R.P.J. de & West, J.G., (2003) A revision of the genus *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae) 2. Eastern Australian species with velutinous **ovaries** and curved upwards leaves. *Australian Systematic Botany* 16(2): 239-240, Fig. 3

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