

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



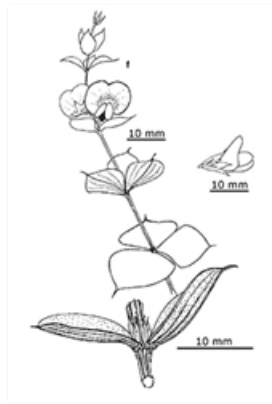
Flowering branches. Photographer Richard Hartland, Abbeyard, Vic



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Yaboro State Forest, west of Ulladulla



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Line drawings (as *Pultenaea cunninghamii*). f. flowering stem; leaves and stipules; flower. J Armstrong, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Spiny Bush-pea, Grey bush-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Widespread. Uncommon on the coast and ranges.

Notes

Shrub, prostrate or to 3 m tall. Stems sometimes **glaucous**, hairless to hairy. Leaves sharp tipped, **alternating** up the stems or in **whorls** of three, rarely opposite each other, 0.2-2 cm long, 1.5-21 mm wide, flat to concave in cross section, tips with a stiff bristle or blunt with the **midrib** continued into a prominent, sharp **mucro**, margins flat to rolled upwards, surfaces hairless, lower surface prominently veined, darker than upper surface, or both surfaces the same colour. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. **Standard** petal 6-14 mm long, orange to yellow, rarely whitish, usually with red markings. **Wings** orange to yellow, rarely whitish. Keel red-brown to orange or yellow, rarely whitish. **Bracteoles** **linear** to triangular, rarely with 3 teeth at the tips, papery, rarely fringed, inserted on the **calyx** tube. Flowers in leafy clusters. Flowers most of the year. Pods hairless, rarely with a tuft of hairs at the tips.

Was *Pultenaea cunninghamii*.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Pultenaea-spinosa> (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): 105-107, Figs 9, 10

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