

Threatened Flora Conservation

Keep a look out for this Plant!

Stony Bush-pea (*Pultenaea lapidosa*)

Classified as 'Vulnerable' in Victoria.

In Victoria, Stony Bush-pea is known in the wild from only from three localities in the states north east: Reform Hill, Myrtleford, Mt. Tambo near Omeo, and Mt Samaria south of Benalla. The Reform Hill population numbers more than 1500 plants covering 0.5 ha. Since 2006 regular DELWP revegetation programs in conjunction with Friends of Reform Hill & Myrtleford Secondary College with seedlings propagation by Wangaratta's Parklane Nursery have facilitated the establishment of 500 plants of the overall Reform Hill Reserve population.

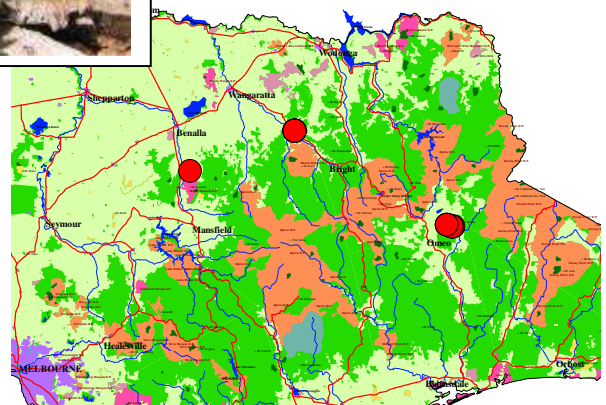


Description

Stony Bush-pea is a more or less erect shrub, to 1 m tall. It is characterised by narrow hairy leaves (16x2mm) that are often crowded along branchlets and tapered to a long, sharp, fragile point - and clusters of yellow pea flowers with red centres at the ends of stems (Nov-Dec). Fruits consist of a flattened ovate pod.

Habitat

As the name implies Stony Bush-pea occurs on rocky slopes dominated by dry open forest on shallow soils. Over storey species include Long-leaf box *Eucalyptus goniocalyx*, Red Stringybark *E. macrorhyncha*, Red Box *E. polyanthemos* and Silver Wattle *Acacia dealbata*. Grass Grass-tree *Xanthorrhoea glauca* subsp. *angustifolia* may also be present.



Stony Bush-pea Facts:

Conservation: [f] Listed under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee.
[v] Vulnerable in Victoria.

Other States: NSW ACT

Other Common Names: Mt. Tambo Bush-pea, Ragged Bush-pea

Conservation – You can help

An active conservation program is currently under way that aims to enhance the existing wild population. The program includes the following activities:

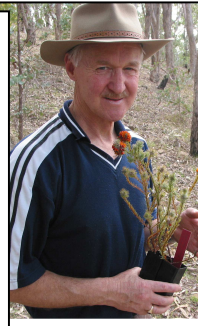
- **Survey and monitoring:** to update population status, and clarify tube stock survival and recruitment levels.
- **Re-establishment:** DELWP, the Friends of Reform Hill and Parklane Nursery are involved in seed collection, propagation and planting programs.
- **Signposting and fencing:** to raise community awareness and appreciation of the Reform Hill, protect Stony Bush-pea and other significant biodiversity and acknowledge local history of the area.



Myrtleford Secondary Students
July 2007 Planting



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Seedling propagation by
Parklane Nursery



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