

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Chris Clarke, Mt Buffalo National Park, Vic



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Badja State Forest, north east of Cooma



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT

## Common name

Alpine shaggy pea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, and alpine **herbfields**, usually at higher altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, tablelands, and the ranges. Mostly south of the Hume Highway.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.3 m tall or sprawling. Young stems hairy, later becoming hairless. Leaves opposite each other or in irregular **whorls** of 3, 1-5 cm long, about 3-14 mm wide. tips **mucronate**, sometimes curved down, margins curved down, upper surface **reticulate** and becoming hairless, lower surface paler and sparsely hairy to hairless, **stipules** gradually tapering to fine tips, 1.5-3 mm long. Flowers pea shaped, 9-15 mm long, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, yellow to orange with red markings, the keel sometimes red. Flowers in clusters. Flowers Spring-Summer. Pods shaggy hairy.

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&lvl=sp&name=Podolobium~alpestre> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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