

SPECIES Pultenea villosa
COMMON NAME Hairy Bush Pea

ORIGIN Morton district near Brisbane, the coastal region of New South Wales to Bega

DESIGN USE Specimen plant, informal hedge



HEIGHT

2m

SPREAD

3m

HABIT

Prostrate to erect shrub; stems pubescent with spreading to curly hairs.

FORM

Forms a graceful weeping shrub 2 m high by 3 m across, much branched and spreading.

FLOWERS

Flowers are bright yellow in colour. Flowering density is high. Typical "pea" shape consisting of 4 petals; the "standard", the "keel" and two "wings", as shown in the diagram. The flowers are longer than they are wide (about 15mm long by 10mm across), which is typical of most species in the genus. Flowering is mainly in spring but it may extend into summer.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring to summer

FRUIT

Seed is ripe in late summer to early autumn. The flowers are followed by small seed pods.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It is best suited to moist, well drained soils with some light, overhead protection from full sun. It does not, however, grow well in heavy shade. It tolerates at least moderate frost.

HORTICULTURE

Propagation is carried out by either cuttings or seed and results are reasonably good from both methods. Cuttings should be from newer wood with the soft tips removed. Automatic mist-spray is not desirable during propagation. Before seed is sown it must be treated and chipping, scarifying or hot water treatments are all satisfactory. appears to tolerate moister soils than many other species of pea-flowers and no pests or diseases have been noted. The species is frost hardy.

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