

Fabaceae
Oxylobium robustum
tree shaggy bush



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ETYMOLOGY

(ox-ee-LO-bee-um) Greek oxys = sharp lobos pod because the pods have sharp appendage; The species robustum (row-BUST-um) = stout, strong woody.

LIFEFORM

Shrub 3.5 m

STATUS

Coastal regions from Moreton and wide Bay districts in SE Qld, to NSW

OCCURS

Pomona, Goodwood Qld to Newcastle NSW

QLD DISTRICTS

Moreton, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Wetlands/Wallum

LEAVES

Opposite, in whorls of 3; 6 cm long, lower surface grey-green densely hairy prominently mucronate, lack stipules, covered with small tubercles.

FLOWERS

Pea-shaped, 1 cm yellow, calyx usually rusty-pubescent in short terminal racemes

Flowering Times Aug, Sept

FRUIT

Pods, 1.5 cm, oblong, laterally compressed obliquely beaked: Shiny black 1-2 mm seeds.

Fruiting Times Nov

STEM

Shrub; Branches pubescent.

LANDSCAPE USE

Showy potential horticultural interest.

NATIVE BEES

Flowers visited by *Megachile pluto* Solitary Bee *Megachile mystaceana* Fire-tailed Resin Bee

INSECTS

Seed-eating caterpillars *Macrothra obliquata* (Moth)

ID FEATURE

Leaves in whorls short point at apex + Flowers yellow (pea-shaped) broad standard petal, calyx rusty hairs + Pods oblong