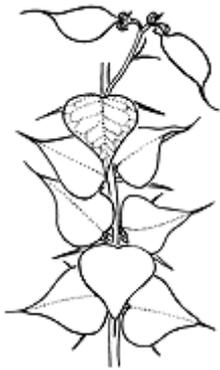


Fabaceae

Podolobium aciculiferum

OLD NAME *Oxyloboium aciculiferum*

needle shaggy pea

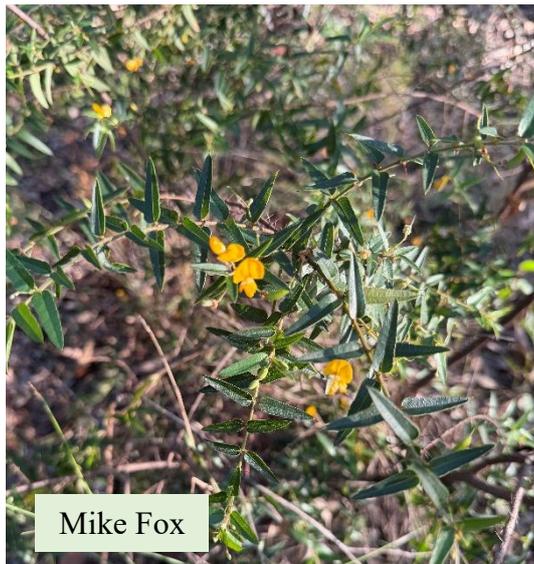


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ETYMOLOGY

Podolobium syn (ox-ee-LO-bee-um) Greek oxys- = sharp + -lobos = pod because the pods have sharp appendage; The species *aciculiferum* = needle-pointed

LIFEFORM

Shrub 1-2 m

STATUS

Northern Limit Mt Larcom

OCCURS

Mt Gravett, Buderim Qld to Nerrigundah NSW

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Moreton, Port Curtis, Wibe Bay

HABITAT

Open forest

LEAVES

Opposite, 1-3 cm x 3-9 mm rigid, broadest close to base, tapering to narrowly angled point with sharp 1-3 mm spines, shiny rutilated veined covered with adpressed hairs below often lobed, on 1 mm stalk, straight rigid, sharp 5-7 mm stipules.

FLOWERS

Pea-shaped, 9 mm, yellow, within 3 mm spine-like bracts, on 1-2 mm pedicel.

Flowering Times March, April

FRUIT

Pods, 1-1.5 cm, sharp appendages, on 3 mm stalk pump, curved containing 2-4 seeds are kidney-shaped, dark reddish-purple, very shiny, 3 mm long: **Fruiting Times** April

STEM

Erect or prostrate shrub with spiny 5-7 mm stipules; Stems spreading, covered with minute glandular spreading hairs.

ETHNOBOTANY

Honey bees gather abundance of pollen and nectar (Clemson 1985)

INSECTS

Seed-eating Caterpillars, Sweating. *Macrobathra obliquata* (Moth)

NATIVE BEES

Megachile mystaceana Fire-tailed Resin Bee

ID FEATURE

Stems hairy + straight rigid, sharp 5-7 mm stipules + Leaves opposite slightly scalloped edge + Peashaped yellow + pods. Confused with *Podolobium scandens* due to leaf shape

