

the 2-10 seeds. Seeds globular, 6-9mm long, 5-7mm wide and thick, brown.

*Distribution:* Co., Mo., N.K., P.C., S.K., W.B. Also N.S.W. and N.T. A strand-line species. Widespread on tropical coasts from East Africa to China, Australia and Polynesia.

*Notes:* Of no grazing significance. Roots and seeds have been used for medicinal purposes. Nodulates.

*References:* 3, 16, 17, 26, 106, 107, 108, 139, 141, 161, 287, 298, 306, 309, 332.

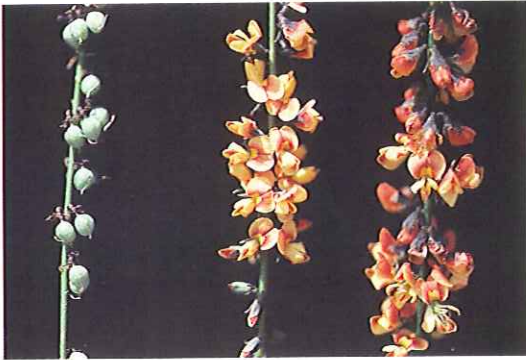
## *Sphaerolobium*

Erect almost leafless shrub with small orange and red flowers. Stamens 10, the filaments free. Style with a narrow membrane below the stigma. Pods almost globular, containing 2 seeds. The genus is endemic to Australia.

### *Sphaerolobium vimineum*

Erect rush-like plant to 0.7m tall. Stems sparingly branched, wiry, hairless, leafless or with a few leaves less than 5mm long.

Inflorescence a lateral or terminal raceme 20-200mm long. Flowers borne in clusters of 2-3 within the axils of 1-2mm scale-like bracts, each



*Sphaerolobium vimineum*, Girraween National Park, 28°49'S, 151°57'E.

flower on a c. 1mm pedicel which bears a pair of broad very deciduous 1.5mm bracteoles beneath the calyx. Calyx 2-4mm long, hairless, dark-coloured, the dorsal sepals joined for most of their length, the teeth quadrant-shaped, the sepals otherwise joined for less than ½ their length, the teeth narrowly pointed. Standard c. 4mm tall, 5mm wide, yellow-orange towards the margin grading to red, yellow-orange at the centre, largely red on the back. Wings c. 5mm long from base of calyx, yellow, red along the lower margin, the same length as the yellow, red-tipped keel.

Pod almost globular, c. 3mm diameter on a minute stalk above the calyx, containing 2 seeds.

*Distribution:* D.D., Mo., W.B. Also W.A., S.A. Vic., Tas., N.S.W. Not common; found in moist or swampy conditions in the south-east.

*Notes:* Of no grazing significance.

*References:* 17, 23, 26, 154, 287, 298.

## *Stylosanthes*

Herbs or shrubs with pinnate leaves with three leaflets, lacking stipels. Flowers small, yellow, borne in dense terminal or axillary heads, each flower borne in the axil of a 2-3 toothed or entire primary bract (the lowermost flower in the axil of an ordinary leaf), each flower also with an entire or toothed membranous secondary bract and 1-2 membranous inner bracteoles, and in some species also a narrow feathery axis rudiment. Stamens 10, the filaments all joined, 5 longer anthers alternating with 5 shorter anthers. Pod short, flattened, with a beak, 1- or 2-jointed.

### *Key to species*

1. Beak of pod 0.5mm long or less (perennial)  
Beak more than 0.5mm long

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