

Noongar Name:

Scientific Name: Templetonia
Retusa

Common Name: Cocky's Tongue,
Coral Bush



Leaves: greyish green, oblong to wedge-shaped, usually with a blunt indented tip

Flowers: 25-40mm long with a typical pea shape, usually deep red, but sometimes white or yellow

Fruit:

Size: Height - 1-2m Width
- 3m

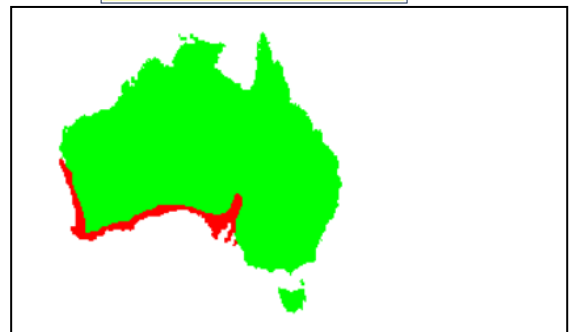
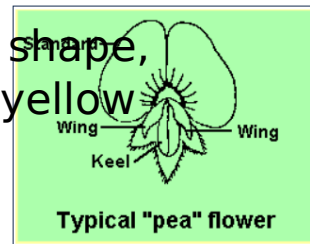
Location: south of SA and WA

Attracts Wildlife: honey-eating birds,
native butterflies, caterpillars, bees

Usage:

Interesting Facts:

- Scientific name comes from John Templeton who was a pioneering botanist in the 18th century. Retusa comes the Latin word 'retusus' which means dull or blunt and refers to the blunt tips of the leaves.
- Named after the fact that the red pea shaped flowers resemble a cockatoo's tongue.



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