

Bossiaea (78-78-10)

All *Bossiaea* species are endemic to Australia.

Bossiaea ensata (Sword Bossiaea)

This low sprawling plant has no leaves.

Its green keel, and the red at the back of the standard, is a good way to identify it.

Its flat strap-like stems are 4-5mm wide; the flowers 10mm across.

***Bossiaea heterophylla*** (Variable Bossiaea)

Flowering in autumn, this, plus its variable leaves and largish crimson keel identifies it.

The leaves vary on the plant and may be ovate or thin, and also vary in size.

The image below looks stretched - but it isn't.

***Bossiaea obcordata*** (Spiny Bossiaea)

The Spiny Bossiaea is a shrub to 2m high and it flowers in spring. Its spines announce its presence.

The heart-shaped folded leaves and hairy branchlets confirm its identity.

Its keel is dark red.

***Bossiaea scolopendria*** (Broom Bossiaea)

Flowering in early spring, its strap like branches begins to identify it.

Its light brown wings completes its identification.

