



Rattlepod

Crotalaria lunata (syn. semperflorens)

A Sleeper Weed of the Hunter and Central Coast

"An environmental weed that is just starting to spread."

Status/origin: Exotic, native to India.

Habitat: Roadside, disturbed areas.

Weed Information: This is a small erect shrub or small tree 2-5 metres high with hairy stems and rough green leaves which are hairy and paler underneath. It has large yellow pea shaped flowers between June and September. After flowering, the large glossy yellow pods form and mature to brown in November. When shaken these mature pods produce a rattle sound to where the plant gets its common name Rattlepod. Localised colonies are reported along coastal areas of NSW with indications that they are spreading. This weed may become a future bushland weed. Before flowering, a Rattlepod can be confused with the Wild Tobacco Bush.

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