



Cockies' Tongues

Name	Scientific	<i>Templetonia retusa</i>
	Common	Cockies' Tongues
Description		A shrub that can grow to 4 metres tall in sheltered coastal positions. You are more likely to see it growing to only about 1 metre. It thrives in limestone areas.
Leaves		Dark-green leaves about 3.5cm long.
Flowers		Large, red pea flowers from April to September.
Did you know?		Cockies' tongues are able to <u>stagger</u> the time they flower. This means that not all of the plants flower at the same time in winter which is really good news for nectar- eating birds. This staggered flowering means birds have a valuable supply of food available throughout the winter months.
Animals which may use this plant.		
Birds		Honeyeaters like the New Holland honeyeater visit the flowers to feed on the nectar.



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