

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

## Common name

A Darwinia

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Open **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, **shrubland**, and rocky ridges, usually where a shallow layer of shale or laterite overlays sandstone. Sydney area mainly north of the Harbour.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 0.8 m high. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, often **appressed** to the branchlets, 0.6–1 cm long, about 1 mm wide, hairless. Flowers with 5 curved **petals**, each 1.2–1.8 mm long, and 5 **entire** or toothed **sepals** less than 0.5 mm long, much shorter than the petals, at the top of the **floral tube**. Floral tube green, 5–8 mm long, 1–1.5 mm in diameter, with broad, rounded ribs. **Style** straight or slightly curved, 10–14 mm long, yellow-green, sometimes becoming red. Each flower surrounded by 2 purple-red **bracteoles** which fall at the time the flowers open. Flowers in clusters of 1–4, mostly paired. Flowering: winter–spring.

Vulnerable Australia. Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10202> (accessed 5 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Darwinia-biflora> (accessed 5 January 2021)

Additional information in Briggs, B.G. (1962) The New South Wales Species of *Darwinia*. *Contributions from the New South Wales National Herbarium*. 3(3): 144, fig. 2a (map), 5c

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