

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

## Common name

A Darwinia

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **shrubland**, and **heath**, in poorly drained sandy soil. Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1.5 m high. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.6–1.1 cm long, about 1 mm wide, hairless. Flowers with 5 curved white **petals**, each 0.8-1.2 mm long, and 5 usually toothed **sepals** to 1.5 mm long, as long as or slightly longer than the petals, at the top of the **floral tube**. Floral tube white above the **ovary**, sometimes becoming red towards the top, 3–5 mm long, warty between the prominent, pointed ribs. **Style** 4–9 mm long, white. Each flower surrounded by 2 **bracteoles** 3-5 mm long, yellow-green, falling after the flowers open. Flowers in clusters of 2-4, arranged in pairs. Flowers spring to early summer.

PlantNET description with line drawings and photo of a dried specimen: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Darwinia~diminuta> (accessed 9 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): 140-141, fig. 4c.

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