

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer R Hotchkiss, Gosford

## Common name

A Darwinia

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **shrubland** at the **head** of sheltered gullies on sandstone, and on sandstone slopes. Sydney area north of Frenchs Forest, within 20 km of the coast.

## Notes

**Erect shrub**, to 5 m high. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 1.0–2.5 cm long, to 2.5 mm wide, hairless. Flowers with 5 curved **petals**, each 1.5–1.7 mm long, and 5 **sepals** less than 1 mm long, up to half the length of the petals, at the top of the **floral tube**. Floral tube 5–8 mm long, 1.5–2.5 mm in diameter, with broad, rounded, longitudinal ridges, white above the **ovary**, the top often becoming red. **Style** straight or slightly curved, 14–20 mm long, white, sometimes becoming red. Flowers surrounded by 2 oblong **bracteoles** 8–11 mm long, red brown or red purple, falling after the flowers open. Flowers in clusters of 2–8, arranged in pairs. Flowers late winter to spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Darwinia~procera> (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): 145–146, fig. 5f

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