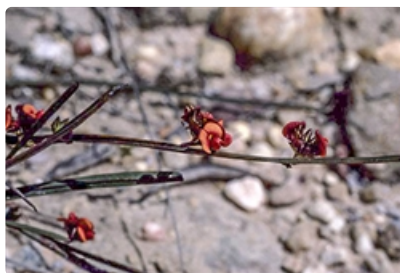


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Hyams Beach, Jervis Bay, NSW



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Ollerenshaw, Paddys River, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer MD Crisp, Carrington Falls

Common name

A bitter-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands north of Batemans Bay and south of Tathra.

Notes

Prostrate or sprawling to **erect shrub**, to 1m diameter. Branchlets triangular in cross section, flattened, or compressed, **winged**, hairless, dark green. 'Leaves' **alternating** along the stems, reduced to **scales**, or, in young plants, 3-9 cm long, 3-12 mm wide. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal orange red with a yellow centre, about 4-7 mm long, about 7 mm wide, keel maroon. Flowers in clusters of 2-5 flowers. Flowers Spring to Summer.

All species of *Daviesia* have 'leaves' that taste bitter, and hairless triangular pods.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Daviesia-alata> (accessed 3 April 2021)

Description partly based on Crisp, M.D., Cayzer, L., Chandler, G.R. & Cook, L.G. (2017), A monograph of *Daviesia* (Mirbelieae, Faboideae, Fabaceae). *Phytotaxa* 300(1): 103-105, Fig. 42

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