

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, Bondi State Forest south of Bombala



Shrub. Photographer Lyn Allison, Westgate Park, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Hop bitter-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Widespread.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 5 m tall. Branchlets angular, hairless, **glaucous**. 'Leaves' scattered, 2-15 cm long, 5-70 mm wide, slightly glaucous, **veins** prominent, **reticulate**, tips rounded to pointed, margins wavy and finely scalloped. Flowers scarcely fragrant. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to orange-yellow with a dark brownish red or maroon infusion surrounding an intense yellow **bilobed** marking at the centre, 4.75-9 mm long, 7-9.5 mm wide, keel maroon. Flowers in many flowered elongated clusters with evenly spaced flowers, on a common stalk 20-130 mm long, the clusters 1-3 together. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Hybridises with *Daviesia buxifolia*, *Daviesia corymbosa*, *Daviesia leptophylla*, and *Daviesia mimosoides*.

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&lv=sp&name=Daviesia~latifolia> (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): 123-125, Fig. 51

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