

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers on stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Flowers and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Conservation Area east of Goulburn



Pods and flower. Photographer John Tann, Morton National Park

Common name

Narrow-leaf bitter-pea, Slender bitter-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, and **shrubland**. Widespread.

Notes

Broom-like **shrub** to 2 m tall. Branchlets angular, ribbed, hairless, rigid, occasionally leafless towards the tips. 'Leaves' scattered, 0-11 cm long, 0-10 mm wide, upper surface convex, margins slightly curved down, surfaces dull yellow-green; **venation** conspicuous, longitudinal, with a stronger **vein** near each margin, tips tapered to a point or blunt. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **Standard** petal yellow with a maroon infusion surrounding a central intense yellow **bilobed** spot in the centre, 4.5-6.5 mm long, 6-7 mm wide, keel dark red. Flowers in 5-10 flowered clusters, 1-4 clusters together. Flowers Winter to Summer.

Hybridises with *Daviesia latifolia* and *Daviesia mimosoides*.

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

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Daviesia-leptophylla> (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): 117-120, Fig. 49

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