

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems (male). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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Stems with seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Denise Grieg, unknown place

Common name

A Hop-bush

Family

Sapindaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** on sandstone derived soils, mainly Sydney area and the mountains to the west.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m high. Branchlets thickly covered in **erect** rather rigid hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.8–4.3 cm long, **compound**, with 11–17, rarely to 27, leaflets each 0.4–0.9 cm long, 2–2.5 mm wide, margins rolled down, tips **entire**, surfaces densely hairy, the **terminal** leaflet small and lobe-like. Flowers male, female, or bisexual. Flowers with 0 **petals**, and 4 or 5 **sepals** 1.6–4.5 mm long, remaining on the plant at the seeding stage. Flowers in clusters, individual flowers single at the base of **bracts** or leaves. Seed case 4-**winged**, 14–21 mm long, 15.5–18 mm wide, rarely to 22 mm, usually hairless, **wings** 3.5–6 mm wide.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dodonaea-pinnata> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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