

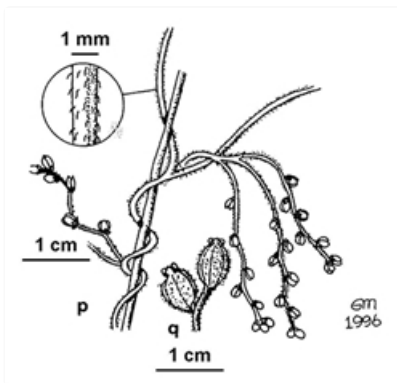
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Russell Best, Coajingalong National Park near Mallacoota, Vic



Fruiting stems. Photographer Daniel Ohlsen, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Line drawings. p. plant showing stem detail; q. fruits. EM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Rusty Dodder-laurel

## Family

Lauraceae

## Where found

**Forest, shrubland**, and fringing streams and lakes. Coast and ranges mainly south of Eden.

## Notes

Parasitic twiner. Fruit fleshy. Stems smooth to finely wrinkled, hairy or almost hairless on the same plant, yellow-green to reddish. Leaves scale-like, bases stem clasping. Flowers 1–2 mm long, oval, with 3 **petals**, almost hairless, or hairy with white and red hairs, stalkless, in interrupted **spikes** of 5–15 loosely spaced flowers, the spikes single or often paired. Flowers Sept–April. Fruit globular to oval or pear-shaped, very hairy with mostly red or rusty hairs, sometimes hexagonal with reddish ribs, 5–10 mm in diameter. Fruit enveloped in the enlarged **floral tube**.

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

Description mainly based on that in *Flora of Australia* online:

<https://profiles.ala.org.au/opus/foal/profile/Cassytha%20phaeolasia> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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