

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer S Douglas, Brisbane Waters National Park

Common name

A Darwinia

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Woodland, **heath**, and **shrubland**, often in rocky places or near hanging swamps. Gosford Local Government Area.

Notes

Spreading, prostrate shrub to 0.15 m high. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 0.8–1.7 cm long, to 2.2 mm wide, **glaucous**, often tinged red-purple. Flowers with 5 curved **petals**, each 1.5–2 mm long, and 5 **sepals**, margins **entire** or toothed, about 0.5 mm long, much shorter than the petals, at the top of the **floral tube**. Floral tube 7–8 mm long, 0.5–1.5 mm in diameter, with prominent ribs, white or pale green to yellow-green above the **ovary**, often becoming red towards the top. **Style** straight, 12–16 mm long, white, sometimes becoming red. Each flower surrounded by 2 red-brown oblong **bracteoles** 4–6 mm long, which fall before the flowers open. Flowers single, or in clusters of 2–4 arranged in pairs. Flowers winter–spring.

Often hybridises with *Darwinia fascicularis* where their distributions overlap.

Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile with photos: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10204> (accessed 5 January 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Darwinia-glaucophylla> (accessed 5 January 2021)

Additional information in Briggs, B.G. (1962) The New South Wales Species of *Darwinia*. *Contributions from the New South Wales National Herbarium*. 3(3): 143, fig. 5d.

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