

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and 'leaves'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Nadgigomar Nature Reserve north of Braidwood



Flowers and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway, Wandandian, west of Jervis Bay

## Common name

Sharp bitter-pea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and cleared areas. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and ACT. Western Slopes between Cowra and West Wyalong.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 1 m tall. Sharp-pointed 'leaves'. Stems ribbed, hairless to bristly. 'Leaves' scattered, 0.9-6.5 cm long, 0.5-10 mm wide, flattened but often appearing cylindrical because of the rolled down margins, surfaces hairless to bristly, **midrib** prominent on the upper surface, margins with scattered teeth, and curved to rolled down. Flowers 5-7 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to orange, with dark red **veins** radiating from a ring surrounding the yellow centre, 5-7 mm long, 5-6 mm wide, keel dark red at the tip, becoming paler and pink towards the base. Flowers single, sometimes 2 at the base of the same leaf. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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

Uncertain Status (native or **naturalised**) in the ACT.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Daviesia-acicularis> (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): 27-29, Fig. 6

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