

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer John Tann, Heathcote National Park south of Sydney



Flowering branch. Photographer B Myers, Waterfall, south of Sydney



Flowers and 'leaves'. Photographer John Tann, Heathcote National Park south of Sydney



Shrub. Photographer John Tann, Heathcote National Park south of Sydney

## Common name

A bitter-pea

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Coast, ranges, and tablelands. Kosciusko National Park.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 2 m tall. Branchlets angular, lightly ribbed, hairless. 'Leaves' scattered up the stems, variable in shape, 2-20 cm long, 2-60 mm wide, green, hairless, **veins** prominent and **reticulate**, margins more or less wavy, **entire** or obscurely finely scalloped, tips tapered to a point or rounded. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow to orange-yellow with a red-brown infusion surrounding an intense yellow **bilobed** marking at the centre, 5-9 mm long, 7.7-11.1 mm wide. Keel red, very dark at the tip. Flowers in clusters of 5-20 flowers, the clusters on a mostly naked common stalk 10-40 mm long, terminating in an **umbel**-like cluster. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Hybridises with *Daviesia latifolia*.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Daviesia~corymbosa> (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): 105-107, Fig. 43

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