

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and 'leaves'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Shoalhaven River near Tarago



Flowers and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, near Nelligen

Common name

Rough bitter-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern part of the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m tall. Branchlets cylindrical, ribbed, more or less rough. 'Leaves' needle-tipped. **alternating** up the stems, crowded, 0.4-1.2 cm long, 0.5-10 mm wide, sometimes folded together lengthwise, bases sometimes **cordate**, margins sometimes wavy; **midrib** prominent on the upper surface; **veins reticulate** or obscure. **Calyx** 2.4-3 mm long. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow with red markings around the rich yellow central spot, 4.3-5.6 mm long, 6.6-7.2 mm wide, keel red with or without a yellow tip. Flowers in 1-2 flowered clusters, the clusters single or paired. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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~squarrosa> (accessed 4 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): 133-134, Fig. 56

Author: Betty Wood.

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition

Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)