

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, Buckenbowra State Forest west of Batemans Bay



Flowers and 'leaves'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer MD Crisp, 11kmsouth of Monga

Common name

Scented bitter-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and rocky ridges. Ranges between the Kings Highway and the Snowy Moutains Highway.

Notes

Shrub or olive-like tree to 6 m tall. Branchlets cylindrical, slightly angular, hairless. 'Leaves' scattered, 3-10 cm long, 4-17 mm wide, dark green to slightly **glaucous**, sometimes the upper surface a different colour from lower surface, the **lateral veins** arising from the **midrib** in pairs, tips blunt or rounded. Flowers very fragrant. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal yellow, sometimes with faint red markings surrounding an intense yellow **bilobed** marking at the centre, 6.5-9 mm long, 9-10 mm wide. Keel pale yellow flushed pink toward the tip. Flowers in 3-6 flowered clusters with no or a very short common stalk, the clusters sometimes paired. Flowers 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~suaveolens> (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): 109-111, Fig. 45

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