

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and 'leaves'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Ainslie, Canberra



Flowers and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, ACT



Pods on stem. Photographer Jason C, Gooyoyarro National Park, ACT



Shrub. Photographer Dusty, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, ACT

Common name

Broom bitter-pea, Spiny bitter-pea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest and **woodland**. Widespread but not in Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 2 m tall. 'Leaves' with sharp tips. Stems hairless, longitudinally ribbed. 'Leaves' scattered, 0.45-7 cm long, rigid, cylindrical or vertically compressed, usually **striate**. **Adult** 'leaves' 0.5-1.25 mm thick, **juvenile** 'leaves' 8-9 mm thick. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, **standard** petal with the outer part yellow or orange-yellow, inner part a large central semi-circle infused with dark red (ageing grey-brown), with a **linear** central yellow mark, 3-8 mm long, 5-8 mm wide, keel maroon. Flowers in 2-6 flowered clusters, single or paired. Flowers Winter to Spring.

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

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Daviesia-genistifolia> (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): 179-181, Fig. 43

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