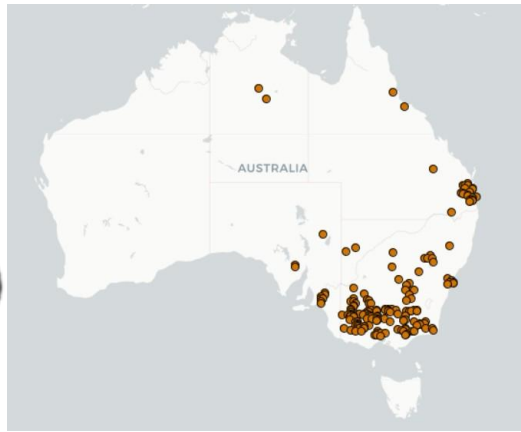
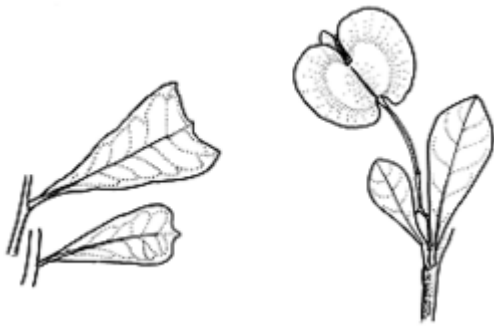


## Sapindaceae

### *Dodonaea viscosa ssp cuneata*

wedge-leaf hop bush

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#### ETYMOLOGY

(do-do-NEE-a) after Rembert Dodoenus 1517-1585 Flemish botanist; The Latin species viscidus = viscid, sticky + subspecies cuneatus (kew-nee-AH-tah) wedge-shaped.

#### LIFEFORM

Shrub 2-3 m x 2 m Spread

#### STATUS

Widespread in east coastal Australia but uncommon per site (low population size);

#### OCCURS

Mapleton Qld to Cumberland Plain NSW, Brisbane Ranges Vic, Mount Lofty Ranges SA

#### QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Mitchell, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Wide Bay

#### HABITAT

Semi-arid, Mallee scrub

#### TOLERANCE

Full sun; Frost and drought tolerant. Responds to light pruning to promote growth.

#### LEAVES

Alternate, 1-3 x 1 cm, triangular, shiny, sticky, broadest at apex which is retused 2-3 toothed or blunt ends; leaf margins often slightly wavy;

#### FLOWERS

Dioecious (male and female flowers on separate plants), 22 mm, greenish inconspicuous without petals, occurring in clusters at ends of stems; **Flowering Times** Oct, Nov, Jan

#### FRUIT

Capsules, 13 mm, broad angled 3 papery sided, attractive turn deep red to purple 8 x10 mm wings; Seed 3 mm, globular, black with short, fat brown aril.

#### Fruiting Times

Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March

#### STEM

Multi-stemmed open dense spreading shrub

#### ETHNOBOTANY

Ornamental useful for drought fodder, hedges, screening, rock gardens and under trees;

Bioassay show isolated several flavonoids with anti-spasmodic activity; Valuable source of pollen;

#### WILDLIFE

Foliage good refuge for small birds, browsed by Kangaroos and Wallaby

#### BIRD

Australian King Parrot, Brown Cuckoo-dove, Wonga Pigeon, Emerald Dove, Bar-shouldered and Peaceful Doves (seed)

#### INDIGENOUS USES

Leaves macerated, boiled, infusion rubbed onto painful areas used for pain relief. Chewed for toothache, Juice used to treat stonefish and stingray wounds, also applied to wounds to assist healing;

#### ID FEATURE

Thick spreading shrub to small tree + Leaves are heart-shaped with attractive fruit,