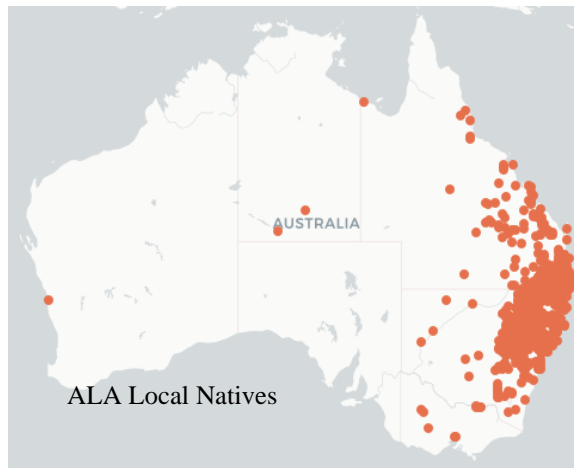


Fabaceae

Swainsona galegifolia smooth darling pea



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ETYMOLOGY

(swain-SO-na) After Isaac Swainson 1746-1812 Plant Collector; The species *galegifolia* = with leaves like *Galega*, a well-known Northern Hemisphere shrub of the same family.

LIFEFORM

Shrub 1-2m x 1m Spread

STATUS

Endemic to Australia; Critically Endangered in Victoria; Low conservation priority;

OCCURS

Mackay Qld to NSW, Vic

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Inland Grassland, Montane, Watercourses, Creeks

LEAVES

Alternate, 6-20 x 1-8 mm, narrowly oblong 11-29 leaflets, soft, linear to elliptical small blunt grey-green, tip rounded to notched base tapered.

FLOWERS

Pea-shaped, 1.5 cm, pink to purple with blotches of cream racemes (15-20 groups) on 1 cm hairless stalks; White, pink, purple, yellow, orange or dark red

FRUIT

Flowering Times March, April, May, June, July, Aug, 9th Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb
Pods, 2-5 cm, inflated elliptical, tapered at both ends with 5-15 mm beak, biscuit-coloured. lime green sometimes with few hairs.

ROOTS

Fruiting Times 25th July Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March

STEM

Rhizomatous (Thomson 1993)

ETHNOBOTANY

Multi-stemmed perennial subshrub with glabrous erect stems ribbed or fluted.

Used in rockery; Toxic to stock; Leaves and stems contains a weak positive test for alkaloid swainsonine.

LANDSCAPE USES

Used in rockery.

INSECTS

Attacked by aphids and caterpillars; Scale insects, Bees, spiders, leafhoppers, mites,

BIRD

Honeyeaters

BUTTERFLY

Lampides boeticus long-tailed pea blue; *Zizina labradus* common grass-blue

INDIGENOUS USES

Warm poultice from crushed leaves, stems and roots applied it to bruises and swellings.

ID FEATURES

Pinnate leaflet + Pea shape flowers with style beard on upper side + inflated pods; Stems glabrous; pedicels 5-10 mm, glabrous. Colour forms possibly related to soil.