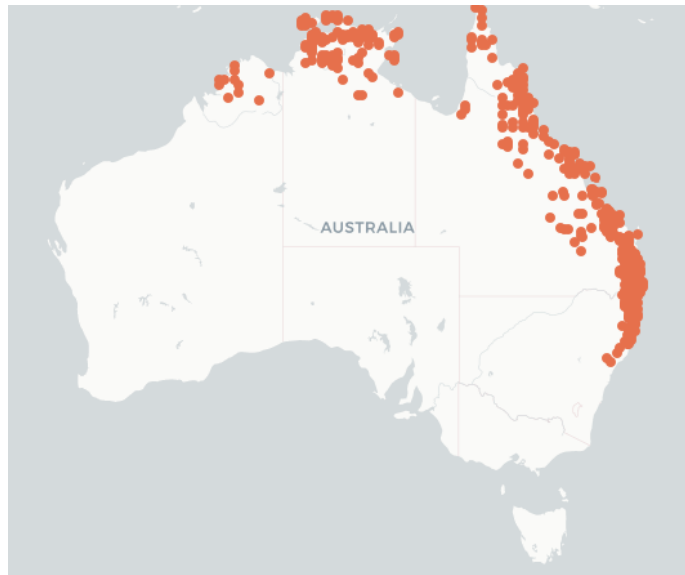


**Caesalpiaceae**  
***Chamaecrista nomame***  
 five-leaf cassia/butter bush



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**ETYMOLOGY**

(*Chamaecrista*) Greek *chamae* = dwarf + *crista* = crest; refers to stamens resembles crest; The species *nomame* originally named by Philipp Franz von Siebold, a German physician and botanist who worked extensively in Japan.

**LIFEFORM**

Herb 10-50cm

**OCCURS**

Mt Gravatt Qld to Taree, NSW, WA, NT (NG, SE Asia, India & Africa)

**HABITAT**

Roadside, hilly sclerophyll forest

**QLD DISTRICTS**

Burke, Cook, Moreton, North Kennedy

**LEAVES**

Alternate compound 20-75 leaflets linear pairs linear-oblong in outline long pointed 1cm stipules; sessile petiolar gland.

**FLOWERS**

Petals 9 mm, yellow, irregular 1-3 flowered supra-axillary on 0.5-1 cm pedicels.

**Flowering Times** Jan, Feb, March, April, May

**FRUIT**

Pods 4-8 cm x 4-5 mm, straight with purplish margins.

**Fruiting Times** Jan, Feb, March, April, May

**ROOTS**

Woody thick rootstock

**STEM**

Tufted perennial, herb stems with crisped, sometimes scattered long hairs

**ETHNOBOTANY**

Fodder high protein content as green manure in Indonesia and Indo-China; Slender erect annual with sessile petiolar gland

**BUTTERFLY**

*Eurema brigitta* No-brand Grass Yellow, *Eurema hecabe* Common Grass Yellow

**ID FEATURE**

Slender erect annual plant with sessile petiolar gland + Erect leaf rachis 4-10 cm, markedly ciliate on adaxial side; leaflets 3-10 mm; stipules 4-10 mm