

Exocarpos sparteus

Commonly: Broom Ballart

Vascular Plant Family: Santalaceae

Flowers present most of the year

Exocarpos sparteus is a weeping shrub up to 3m tall. It occurs in coastal heath at Peppy Beach.



The flowers occur along an axillary spike up to 1.5cm long. In the photograph below there are 2 spikes.

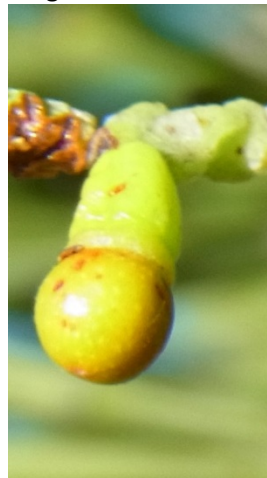


The flowers are yellow-green with 5 floral parts up to 5mm long.

The stem is prominently ribbed and the scattered leaves are up to 1cm long and 2mm wide, 3-angled with a hooked tip. They are often shed early.



The fruit is green, round about 5mm long and occurs on a red to pink fleshy receptacles 1-2mm long.



This photograph is of a young fruit. The fruit, a yellowish colour is obvious, subtended by the green fleshy receptacle which will change colour with age.