



## Large leaf Hop Bush or Common Hop Bush

*Dodonaea triquetra*



Family: Sapindaceae

Erect shrub to 3 m



**Distribution:** Occurs along the east coast of Australia from Bundaberg, south-eastern Qld, along the N.S.W. coast into eastern Vic. as far as Orbost.

**Description:** Leaves elliptic in shape, occasionally lanceolate or ovate. Seeds form on a winged capsule. Flowers form on panicles, and are green-brown, appearing in early spring to mid spring, and mid-winter to late winter.

**Propagation:** Soak seed overnight in boiling water, also propagates from cuttings.

**Habitat:** Grows in dry or wet sclerophyll forest or woodland, usually on sand or sandstone or serpentinite.

**Uses:** Capsules were used as a hop substitute by early settlers. Informal screen, mass planting, windbreak, soil binding. Host plant for the butterfly *Hypochrysops ignita* (Fiery Jewel).