



## *Berberis darwinii*

### **Common Name(s):**

Darwins barberry

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Habitat:**

Terrestrial. A lowland plant. Plant occurs in sites with low-moderate fertility. Plant found in low forest, scrub, forest margins and shrublands. Plant found in remnant forest stands, scrub, along forest and plantation margins, roadsides in Chile (Webb, Sykes and Garnock-Jones 1988). Plant found in forest margins, secon-growth bush, scrub, plantations and roadsides.

### **Features:**

Spiny evergreen shrub up to about 4m tall. The leaves are a dark glossy green and are stiff up to 3.5 by 1.5 cm with 3-5 spiny points. Spines beneath each leaf are palmate with 5 points. Flowers are orange-yellow held in a raceme and the berries are dark purple to black with a bluish white waxy bloom.

### **Flowering:**

July, August, September, October,  
November, December, January,  
February

### **Fruiting:**

November-  
February

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=3509](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3509)



**Caption:** Fraser's Gully, Dunedin  
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**Caption:** Fruit  
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