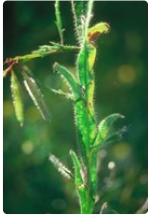


# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia alata* var. *tetrantha* Maslin



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*Acacia alata* var. *tetrantha* occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living  
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

#### Family

Fabaceae

#### Distribution

Disjunct, occurring from Eneabba S to Cervantes, and at Yanchep (c. 130 km S of Cervantes), W.A.

#### Description

Shrub 0.3–0.6 m high, spreading to 1.5 m across. **Stipules innocuous**. Phyllodes on non-flowering region of stems 3–10 mm wide, occasionally 15 mm wide; free portion of phyllodes **straight** to **recurved**, 10–70 mm long, **acuminate**, with **innocuous** to scarcely **spinose** and **straight** or **recurved** to strongly **uncinate** apex; **gland**-angle often very prominent, normally 1, rarely 2 or 3. Peduncles **glabrous** or hirsutellous to shortly **pilose**; heads 4-flowered, white; buds gradually or abruptly narrowed to **apiculate** or **acute** points. Pods **curved** to substraight, 7–11 mm wide.

#### Phenology

Flowers Apr.–July; in the other varieties flowering commences in June.

#### Habitat

Usually grows near watercourses on sand and sandy clay in low open eucalypt forest and woodland, and in mallee and paperbark (*Melaleuca* sp.) communities.

#### Specimens

W.A.: 9 km SSE of Eneabba, *R.J.Hnatiuk* 770907 (PERTH); Yanchep Natl Park, *A.M.James* 297 (PERTH); Hill R. crossing, c. 16 km due E of Jurien Bay, *B.R.Maslin* 2621 (BRI, CANB, PERTH); *loc. id.*, *B.R.Maslin* 2621A (K, PERTH); Cockleshell Gully, *R.Pullen* 9684 (CANB *n.v.*, PERTH).

#### Notes

Free portion of phyllodes vary from long, narrow, recurved and uncinata (around Yanchep) to short, broad, ±straight and not uncinata (around Eneabba).

The 4-flowered white heads and acute to subacute flower buds readily distinguish var. *tetrantha* from the other varieties of *A. alata*. Vegetatively it is most similar to var. *platyptera*.

#### FOA Reference

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