

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia asparagoides* A.Cunn.



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

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs mainly in the Blue Mtns, N.S.W., from Newnes S to Jenolan Caves. The N.Perry specimen collected in 1977 from the Boonoo Boonoo R., near Tenterfield, is distributionally anomalous; there are no other known gatherings of the species from this area.

### Description

Spreading **shrub** 1–2 m high. **Branchlets** hirsutellous, sometimes **glabrous**. **Stipules** 1–2 mm long. Phyllodes subsessile, often subverticillate, normally **patent**, narrowly **triangular** to **linear-triangular**, sometimes narrowly **linear**,  $\pm$ **quadrangular** to flat, 8–20 mm long, 1–2 mm wide, **pungent** with a 1–2 mm long **cusp**, **rigid**, green, **glabrous**; **midrib** prominent; **gland** normally on a slight angle 0.5–2 mm above base. Inflorescences 1-headed **rudimentary** racemes with **axes** to 0.5 mm long; peduncles 1–3 mm long, **glabrous** or subglabrous, **recurved** in fruit; basal bracts 3 and fused; heads **globular**, 3.5–5 mm diam. (dry), 15–30-flowered, bright yellow; bracteoles **acuminate**, often slightly **exserted** beyond flowers in buds. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals free or united; petals obscurely 1-nerved. Pods **narrowly oblong**, shallowly to strongly **curved**, to 4 cm long, 2.5–4 mm wide,  $\pm$ firmly **chartaceous**, black, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 3.5 mm long, **mottled**, **exarillate**; **funicle** **filiform**.

### Habitat

Grows in sand on sandstone or granite, in dry sclerophyll forest or woodland or occasionally heath.

### Specimens

N.S.W.: Wolgan Gap, c. 16 km NNW of Lithgow, 29 Aug. 1958, *E.F.Constable s.n.* (NSW); Boonoo Boonoo R., *N.Perry 137* (NSW); Victoria Falls Lookout, Mt Victoria, Blue Mtns, *T.Tame 1939* (PERTH).

### Notes

A member of the '*A. ulicifolia* group', closely allied to *A. echinula* which has larger heads on longer peduncles.

### FOA Reference

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