

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia clunies-rossiae* Maiden



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Acacia clunies-rossiae occurrence map.  
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#### Common Name

Kowmung Wattle

#### Family

Fabaceae

#### Distribution

Restricted to the valleys of the Kowmung and adjacent Cox's R. in the Blue Mtns, N.S.W.

#### Description

Bushy **shrub** or **tree** 2–6 (–10) m high. **Branchlets** often **pruinose**, with **indumentum** of sparse to moderately **dense** minute **appressed straight** hairs. Phyllodes **narrowly oblong-elliptic to oblanceolate**, (2.5–) 3.5–6.5 cm long, 4–10 mm wide, **mucronulate**, thin,  $\pm$ **glaucous**, with **indumentum** as on **branchlets** (young tips greyish white due to denser **indumentum**), 1-nerved; **lateral nerves** obscure; **gland** 2–7 mm above **pulvinus**, submerged and swollen within the **lamina** in a  $\pm$ pouched fashion. Inflorescences **racemose**; **raceme axes** 1.5–5. cm long, with **indumentum** as on **branchlets**; peduncles 2–4 mm long; heads **globular**, small, 7–9-flowered, bright light golden. Flowers 5-merous; sepals  $\pm$ free; **ovary glabrous**. Pods raised over seeds along midline, to 6 cm long, 7–10 mm wide, firmly **chartaceous**, **pruinose**, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong-elliptic** to slightly **ovate**, 5.5–6 mm long, shiny, black; **aril clavate**.

#### Habitat

Grows in skeletal soil on rocky slopes of commonly slate or shale, or in gravel and alluvium along creeks, in dry sclerophyll *Eucalyptus* forest.

#### Specimens

N.S.W.: Squatting Rock Gap, 4.8 km W of Yerranderie, *E.F.Constable 5654* (MEL, NSW, PERTH); Armour Ra., NW of Yerranderie, *A.Rodd 504* (NSW).

#### Notes

Most closely related to *A. caesiella* and *A. barringtonensis* but distinguished especially by its glabrous ovary, generally fewer-flowered heads and submerged, swollen, pouch-like gland (somewhat similar to those of *A. kettlewelliae*).

#### FOA Reference

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