

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

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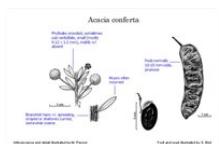
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Acacia conferta occurrence map.  
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## Common Name

Crowded-leaf Wattle

## Family

Fabaceae

## Distribution

Occurs on the western slopes and plains of N.S.W. N from Warialda and Moree, from south-eastern Qld N to the coastal districts near Proserpine and inland as far as the W of Blackall, with one collection from near Cairns. The type locality, if correct, is further S than other collections of this species in N.S.W.

## Description

Shrub or tree to 4 m high. Branchlets slender, with indumentum of sparse to dense ±spreading normally crisped or shallowly curved hairs. Phyllodes crowded, sometimes subverticillate, on short stem-projections, ascending to erect, linear-ob lanceolate to narrowly oblong-elliptic, flat, 5–12 (–15) mm long, 1–2 mm wide, l:w = 4–10, obliquely and excentrically mucronulate with the mucro often ±incurved, often acute, green, glabrous or with scattered ±spreading short hairs, often finely longitudinally wrinkled when dry; midrib absent or obscure; gland small, 0.5–2 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences simple, 1 per axil; peduncles (6–) 8–20 mm long, glabrous or indumentum similar to branchlets, ebracteate at base; heads globular, normally 20–25-flowered, bright yellow. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 1/4–1/2-united, sometimes free; petals normally 1.3–1.5 mm long. Pods normally to 6 cm long, 10–15 (–20) mm wide, firmly chartaceous, pruinose, glabrous. Seeds transverse, oblong-elliptic, 5–6 mm long, arillate.

## Phenology

Flowers mainly Apr.–Aug.

## Habitat

Grows in sand or loam, in dry sclerophyll *Eucalyptus* forest or woodland.

## Specimens

Qld: Davies Ck, E of Mareeba, June 1960, W.T.Jones (BRI); subtropical New Holland [Maranoa R., Qld, fide L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 1: 248 (1979)], T.L.Mitchell '138' (K); c. 120 km NW of Injune, I.R.Telford 5836 (BRI, NSW, BISH, PERTH). N.S.W.: 9.5 km by road E of Yetman, E.F.Constable 7132 (NSW).

## Notes

Closely related to *A. mariae* (syn. *A. tindaleae* auct. non Pedley). Also close to *A. arbiana*. Vegetatively similar to *A. ruppii*. Sometimes confused with *A. brunoioides* which is distinguished by its terete to subterete phyllodes. Phyllodes may superficially resemble some forms of *A. lineata*. A possible rare hybrid with *A. decora* occurs near Warwick, Qld (J.P.M.Brenan 15034, BRI).

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