

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia conferta* A.Cunn. ex Benth.



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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-oblongeolate** 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, *vide* 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. arbiliana*. Vegetatively similar to *A. ruppii*. Sometimes confused with *A. brunioides* 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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