

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia coriacea* subsp. *pendens* R.S.Cowan & Maslin



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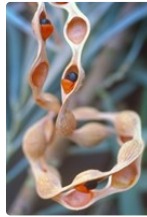
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Acacia coriacea subsp. *pendens* occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs predominantly in inland parts of the Pilbara, W.A. between the Gascoyne and De Grey Rivers, extending to the coast and islands about Dampier. Cultivated in north-western W.A.

### Description

Tree, rarely a shrub, 3–10 m high, with gracefully pendulous branchlets and foliage. Phyllodes linear, shallowly recurved or sometimes shallowly serpentine, (13–) 15–23 (–30) cm long, 1–4 mm wide, green, grey-green or silvery green. Peduncles 3–8 (–10) mm long. Pods 6–13 mm wide, obviously curved, twisted and/or openly coiled (sometimes into a circle) before dehiscence, often irregularly so.

### Habitat

Grows along inland water-courses in fringing woodland and on stable coastal dunes.

### Specimens

W.A.: 41.5 km W of Gascoyne Junction on the road to Carnarvon, *B.R.Maslin 5002* (PERTH); West Lewis Is., Dampier Archipelago, *R.D.Royce 7422* (PERTH).

### Notes

Subspecies *pendens* is grown for ornamental purposes in NW Western Australia. Indigenous people of the west Pilbara used *A. coriacea* for making spears and shields. Ash produced from the wood was used with native tobacco (*Nicotiana* species) as a chewing quid.

### FOA Reference

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