

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia dawsonii* R.T.Baker



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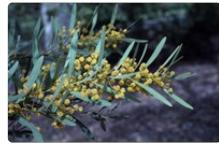
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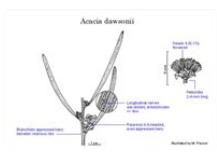
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Acacia dawsonii occurrence map.  
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### Common Name

Poverty Wattle, Mitta Wattle, Dawson's Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs primarily on the N.S.W. and A.C.T. tablelands but extends to Mitta Mitta in Vic. and to Stanthorpe area in Qld.

### Description

**Shrub** or occasionally **tree** 1–4 m high. **Branchlets** densely **appressed-puberulous** between the prominent **resinous** ribs. **Phyllodes** **ascending to erect**, **linear** to narrowly **elliptic**, **straight** to shallowly **incurved**, (3.5-) 5–11 (–14) cm long, (2–) 3–8 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, **glabrous**, with up to 10 slightly raised subdistant ±**resinous** main nerves of which 1–2 (–3) are more prominent than the rest, with occasional to frequent anastomoses between main nerves; **gland** single. Inflorescences 4–6-headed racemes; **raceme axes** 5–25 mm long, **appressed-puberulous**; peduncles 1–4 mm long, **appressed-puberulous**; heads **depressed-globular**, 3–4 mm diam., 4–8 (–10)-flowered, light golden, subtended by broad thick outer bracteoles. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united only basally. Pods **linear**, **straight** or slightly **curved**, to 6 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, smooth, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, black; **aril** apical.

### Habitat

Grows in poor, drier soils, often rocky and/or with high clay fraction, mostly in eucalypt woodland.

## Specimens

Qld: Amiens near Stanthorpe, Harslett in *G.Ward* 287 (BRI n.v.). N.S.W.: Capertee, Sept. 1915, *J.L.Boorman* (C, NSW, PERTH); Cherry Tree Hill, c. 32 km NNW of Inverell, *W.McReadie* (NSW121810). A.C.T.: Molonglo Gorge, Kowen District, *R.Pullen* 2900 (MEL, NSW). Vic.: Mitta Mitta R., 2 km S of Mitta Mitta P.O., 3 June 1962, *A.B.Court & J.H.Willis* (MEL).

## Notes

Seemingly related to *A. farinosa* which has thick, linear-ob lanceolate phyllodes with the nerves immersed, as well as non-racemose inflorescences and usually more flowers in the heads, see R.S.Cowan & B.R.Maslin, *Nuytsia* 10: 79 (1995), for further details. The few-flowered heads of *A. dawsonii* with the subtending, broad and thick, outer bracteoles are similar to those of *A. coveryi* which differs in all other respects. Superficially similar to *A. elongata*.

## FOA Reference

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