

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia enterocarpa* R.V.Sm.



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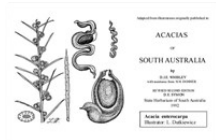
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Acacia enterocarpa occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living  
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### Common Name

Jumping Jack Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs in southern S.A. on the southern Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula (about Curramulka) and near Bordertown extending to Nhill, western Vic.

### Description

Dense spreading shrub to 1.5 m high. Branchlets asperulate, reddish brown, ribbed. Phyllodes sessile, patent to inclined, straight to shallowly recurved, subterete to compressed, (1.5–) 2–4.5 cm long, 1–1.3 mm wide, pungent, rigid, glabrous, asperulate, sometimes viscid, with 10–12 distant raised asperulate nerves; gland basal. Inflorescences simple, 1–4 per axil; peduncles 3–5 mm long, somewhat thick, appressed-puberulous; heads globular, 3.5–4.5 mm diam., ±20-flowered, bright yellow. Flowers 5-merous; sepals free. Pods undulate, to ±2 cm long, 2 mm wide, coriaceous, brown with thickened yellow margins, sparsely appressed-puberulous. Seeds longitudinal, oblong to elliptic, ±3 mm long, dull, dark brown to black; aril apical.

### Habitat

Grows in a variety of soils, in open forest and woodland.

### Specimens

S.A.: c. 5 km SW of Port Neill on Lincoln Hwy, D.J.E. Whibley 1955 (NSW, PERTH). Vic.: Sandmere Flora Reserve, A.C. Beaglehole 84088 (PERTH).

### Notes

Closest to *A. hexaneura* which has persistent, spinose stipules, longer, 6-nerved phyllodes and less contorted pods. Also seemingly related to *A. nyssophylla* and *A. colletioides* but differing from both by its asperulate-ribbed branchlets and phyllodes, as well as by its strongly plicate pods having seeds with smaller, whitish arils.

While the phyllodes lack a clearly defined pulvinus, there is a pad of yellowish tissue at their base which might be interpreted as pulvinar; consequently they are described as sessile.

### FOA Reference

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