

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia flabellifolia* W.Fitzg.



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

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs near Yandanooka and Watheroo, south-western W.A.

### Description

Spreading shrub to 0.4–1 m high. Ultimate branchlets divaricate to ascending, straight, rather short, hirsutellous to puberulous, coarsely spinose. Phyllodes dimidiate, broadest near or below middle, with adaxial margin conspicuously rounded with its proximal edge  $\pm$ parallel to branchlet, 6–15 mm long, 4–9 mm wide, acuminate, pungent by a prominent cusp, green, glabrous or sparsely hirsutellous; midrib near abaxial margin; secondary nerves branching and running into adaxial margin. Inflorescences 1-headed rudimentary racemes with axes < 0.5 mm long; peduncles 3–6 mm long, glabrous or hirsutellous, recurved in fruit; basal bracts and bracteoles as for *A. scalena*; heads globular, 15–17-flowered. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 3/4–4/5-united; petals 1-nerved. Pods tightly and somewhat irregularly coiled so they cannot be straightened out, 6–12 mm long and 4–7 mm wide in contorted state, thinly coriaceous, glabrous. Seeds longitudinal, ovate, c. 3 mm long; aril lateral.

### Habitat

Grows in rocky or lateritic loam on low hills in open eucalypt woodland.

### Specimens

W.A.: c. 4 km S of Arrino on Geraldton Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 732* (AD, BRI, CANB, K, PERTH); 5.5 km N of Watheroo towards Three Springs, *B.R.Maslin 3290* (PERTH).

### Notes

A member of the '*A. pravifolia* group', apparently most closely allied to *A. scalena*. *Acacia dilatata* which occurs within the range of *A. flabellifolia* has similar phyllodes but is not closely related.

### FOA Reference

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