

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

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



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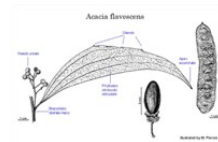
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Acacia flavescens occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Common Name

Yellow Wattle, Red Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Widespread, mainly in near-coastal areas, from Cape York S to Brisbane, eastern Qld.

### Description

Tree 4–20 m high. Bark rough, furrowed and somewhat shaggy. Branchlets stellate-hairy; hairs golden on new shoots. Phyllodes inequilaterally narrowly elliptic to lanceolate, ±falcate, 9–30 cm long, 2–6 cm wide, acuminate (except young plants), ±glabrous, with 3 prominent main nerves (only the lowermost reaching apex) and obviously reticulate in between; basal gland elongated, with 3 or 4 additional smaller glands in indentations or occasionally on short projections along upper margin. Inflorescences in axillary racemes or terminal panicles, sometimes leafy; raceme axes 2–10 cm long, golden stellate-puberulous; peduncles 6–28 mm long, 1 to several per node, yellowish stellate-puberulous; heads globular, 4.5–6 mm diam., 30–60-flowered, cream-coloured. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 2/3–3/4-united. Pods flat, to 12 cm long, 1.5–2 cm wide, thinly coriaceous, transversely reticulate, glabrous. Seeds transverse, elliptic, 6–7 mm long, dull, black, arillate.

### Habitat

Grows in sand, in eucalypt forest and woodland.

### Specimens

Qld: Little Ramsay Bay, Hinchinbrook Is., *R.Cumming 2868* (PERTH); 1.9 km E of Watsonville, *C.F.Puttock & P.G.Wilson UNSW13353* (PERTH).

### Notes

Seemingly related to *A. leptoloba* which is most readily distinguished by having smaller, obtuse phyllodes and golden stellate hairs confined to tips of raceme axes and very young phyllodes.

## FOA Reference

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