

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia hubbardiana* Pedley



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

### Common Name

Yellow Prickly Moses

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Coastal fringe of south-eastern Qld from Bundaberg S to near Brisbane.

### Description

Spreading **shrub** to 2 m high. **Branchlets** **puberulous**, sometimes subglabrous. Phyllodes **dimidiate**, 4–10 mm long, 3–8 mm wide, broadest near or below middle, **pungent**, **glabrous**; **adaxial** margin markedly **rounded**, slightly angled at the **gland** and with its **proximal** edge  $\pm$ parallel to branchlet; **abaxial** margin  $\pm$ **straight**; **midrib** **curved** and intersecting **adaxial** margin below the **cuspid**; marginal nerves prominent. Inflorescences mostly **simple** within axils of  $\pm$ reduced phyllodes at ends of **branchlets**, sometimes forming **axillary** racemes to c. 3 cm long; peduncles 1 per **axil**, (3–) 5–12 (–15) mm long, **glabrous** or sparsely **puberulous**; heads **globular**, 15–20-flowered, creamy yellow. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals united. Pods **stipitate**, **oblong** to **narrowly oblong**, raised over seeds alternately on each side, to 5 cm long, 1–1.5 cm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, **glabrous**. Seeds transverse, c. 4.5 mm long.

### Habitat

On coastal lowlands it often grows in poorly drained sand in open forest or heath associated with swamps, and on rocky slopes above about 150 m alt. on peaks of the Glasshouse Mtns.

### Specimens

Qld: wallum area near Coonarr, 32 km S of Bundaberg, 18 Aug. 1980, *V.Hando s.n.* (PERTH); Beerburrum, *V.K.Moriarty 453* (BRI).

### Notes

According to L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 1: 237 (1980), the mountain plants have  $\pm$ oblong phyllodes which are abruptly narrowed to short points and although these can be consistently distinguished on herbarium sheets they are not considered worthy of formal rank.

*Acacia hubbardiana* is not closely related to *A. pravifolia* or *A. amblygona* even though their phyllodes are sometimes superficially similar. Its most important differences are seen in its phyllode venation and carpological features, and in its ebracteate-based peduncles and stipitate bracteoles.

### FOA Reference

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