

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia ixodes* Pedley



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

### Common Name

Motherbung

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Sporadic on the western slopes and plains of N.S.W. from Dubbo to Gilgandra and Bourke, and in southern and central Qld from near Westmar, E to Yarranvale and N to c. 100 km N of Jericho. According to L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 2: 350 (1987), it is usually locally common.

### Description

Bushy **shrub** or small **tree** to 5 (-8) m high, **glabrous**, somewhat **resinous**. **Branchlets** slender, somewhat angular at extremities. Phyllodes usually **narrowly oblong-elliptic** to **oblanceolate** or narrowly **oblanceolate**, mostly **straight**, 2–5 cm long, usually 3–6 mm wide, l:w = 4–14, normally **obtuse** with a  $\pm$ thickened central **mucro**, thin, with sparsely **tuberculate** margins; **midrib** not prominent; **lateral nerves** obscure,  $\pm$ subparallel to **midrib**; **gland** minute, 1–3 mm above **pulvinus**, with another at base of **mucro**. Inflorescences **simple**, 1 per **axil**; peduncles, 4–12 mm long, **ebracteate** at base; heads showy, fragrant, **globular**, 20–30-flowered, bright golden. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals c. 3/4-united. Pods **narrowly oblong** to **linear**, **rounded** over seeds, to 6 cm long, usually 5–8 mm wide, firmly **chartaceous**, brown. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong** to **elliptic** or **ovate**, narrowed at **hilar** end, 3–4 mm long; **funicle** folded below the **oblique** **aril**.

### Habitat

Grows in sand, often with *Eucalyptus melanophloia* and *Callitris columellaris*.

### Specimens

Qld: 12.3 km S of Charleville on Cunnamulla road, *M.E.Ballingall 2381* (PERTH); c. 80 km WSW of Springsure, 1 Dec. 1984, *B.O'Keeffe* (PERTH). N.S.W.: Dubbo, Dec. 1907, *J.L.Boorman* (NSW).

### Notes

Specimens of *M.S.Clemens*, 8 Oct. 1945 (BRI), from Charleville are slightly unusual in having linear phyllodes 1.5–3 mm wide and pods 3–4 mm wide.

A member of the '*A. johnsonii* group', distinguished from its closest relatives, *A. eremophiloides*, *A. gnidium* and *A. hockingsii* by its phyllode proportions.

### FOA Reference

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