

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia levata* R.S.Cowan & Maslin



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

Woodstock Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Restricted to a small area S and SSW of Marble Bar, north-western W.A. It is common in the places where it occurs, sometimes forming extensive thickets.

### Description

**Shrub** 1–3 m high, spreading, multistemmed, oldest plants sometimes with a Snakewood growth form. **Branchlets** sometimes **glabrous** but normally **sericeous** at extremities and **glabrescent**. Phyllodes **patent** to slightly **ascending**, narrowly **elliptic** to **oblong-elliptic**, **straight** to shallowly **curved**, 8–13.5 cm long, 1–2 cm wide, **obtuse** to **acute**, thickly **coriaceous**, subrigid, minutely **sericeous**, dark green to **sub-glaucous** with a silvery sheen, with about 4–6 widely spaced, prominent main **longitudinal** nerves and longitudinally-**anastomosing** minor nerves between them; glands 1–3, with lowermost 1–4.5 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences **simple**, 1 to several per **axil**; peduncles 5–12 mm long, **glabrous** or (especially in bud) **appressed-hairy**; spikes 20–25 mm long, 6 mm diam., **dense**, golden; bracteoles with a short **stipe** and **±triangular** concave blade. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 1/2–3/4-united; calyx tube **glabrous**. Pods **pendent**, **linear**, narrowly winged, not raised over or constricted between seeds, **straight** to slightly **curved**, to 15 cm long, 7–12 mm wide, **woody**, **glabrous**, drying yellowish brown and slightly wrinkled; margins with a narrow vertical winged. Seeds **longitudinal**, broadly **elliptic** to subcircular, 5–5.5 mm long, dull, brown; **funicle** ribbon-like; **aril** subterminal.

### Phenology

Flowers May to possibly July.

### Habitat

Grows with spinifex in gently undulating, low rocky hills (often associated with seasonally dry watercourses), on shallow sand, sandy loam or clay-loam (pH 7–8.5) over granite or quartz. Common associates are *A. hilliana* and *A. stellaticeps*.

### Specimens

W.A.: Spear Hill, 63 km by road SW of Marble Bar, 17 Oct. 1983, *P.Ryan s.n.* (PERTH); 37.2 km S of turnoff to Marble Bar Pool on road to Wittenoom, *L.Thomson LXT1158* (PERTH); 29.7 km ESE of Woodstock HS on road to Hillside, *L.Thomson LXT1161* (PERTH).

### Notes

Related to *A. cuthbertsonii* subsp. *cuthbertsonii* which is most readily distinguished by its generally smaller, more obviously hairy phyllodes with less evident nervation and sericeous, interrupted spikes, but also with different pods and seeds.

### FOA Reference

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