

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

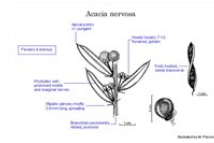
### *Acacia nervosa* DC.



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*Acacia nervosa* occurrence map.  
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### Common Name

Rib Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs from Mogumber S to Lake Muir and Cape Naturaliste, with outlying occurrences near Tammin, Katanning and Mount Barker, south-western W.A.

### Description

**Glabrous** subshrub 0.1–0.5 m high, sometimes sprawling, single- or multistemmed from a **woody** root-stock. **Branchlets** prominently ribbed, **pruinose**. **Stipules** (2–) 3–8 (–10) mm long, spreading, slender, **spinose**. Phyllodes slightly inequilateral, narrowly **elliptic**, **straight** or shallowly **incurved**, 1–5 cm long, 4–12 (–16) mm wide, commonly **acute**,  $\pm$ **pungent**, greyish green; **midrib** and marginal nerves prominent; **lateral** nerves obscure or absent; **gland** 2–12 mm above base. Inflorescences 2–4-headed often **rudimentary** racemes with **axes** 0.5–7 (–10) mm long; peduncles 5–18 mm long; heads showy, prolific, **globular**, loosely 7–12-flowered, bright golden. Flowers 4-**merous**; sepals c. 3/4-united, with lobes broadly **triangular**. Pods **narrowly oblong**, twisted, to 5 cm long, 8–9 mm wide,  $\pm$ **woody**, dark brown; margins thick. Seeds transverse, **oblong** to  $\pm$ circular, 3.5–4 mm long, shiny, greyish brown; **funicle** flat and dilated at attachment to **pod**; **aril** dark brown (dry).

### Habitat

Grows in laterite or gravelly sand or sandy clay, frequently near watercourses, in *Eucalyptus* woodland or forest.

### Specimens

W.A.: Western Australia, *J.Drummond* 1: 290 (BM, G, K, OXF, P); Mogumber, Sept. 1936, *C.A.Gardner* s.n. (PERTH); Tammin, July 1951, *B.J.Grieve* (PERTH); 35.3 km S of Kojonup on road to Rocky Gully, *B.R.Maslin* 642 (MEL, PERTH); Murray district, *E.Pritzel* 483 (BM, M, NSW, P, Z); Katanning, *F.Stoward* 172 (BM)

### Notes

Differs from other members of the '*A. myrtifolia* group' by its transverse seeds, and the dilated funicle is otherwise known only in *A. durabilis*. Other dwarf members of the group include *A. obovata* and *A. pygmaea*.

### FOA Reference

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