

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia pataczekii* D.I.Morris



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Acacia pataczekii occurrence map.  
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Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Common Name

Wally's or Pataczek's Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Endemic in north-eastern Tas. where it occurs in several small populations in highland areas (at c. 1400 m) from Ben Nevis S to near Swansea.

### Description

Shrub or tree 4–6 m high, apparently freely suckering following disturbance. Bark and branches **pruinose**. Branchlets angled at apices, dark reddish, normally lightly **pruinose**, **glabrous**. Phyllodes on raised stem-projections, slightly inequilateral, variable in shape and size, **narrowly oblong-elliptic** to **oblanceolate**, sometimes **obovate**, 2–6 cm long, (5–) 8–20 mm wide, l:w = (2–) 3–6, ±thinly **coriaceous**, grey-green to **glaucous**, **glabrous**; midrib and margins prominent; lateral nerves obscure; gland 2–4 mm above **pulvinus** otherwise as in *A. kettlewelliae*. Inflorescences **racemose**; **raceme axes** 1.5–10 cm long, **glabrous** and ±**flexuose**; peduncles 2–4 mm long, **glabrous**; heads **globular**, 10–15-flowered, bright lemon yellow. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united; **ovary tomentulose**. Pods **narrowly oblong**, 2.5–4.5 cm long, 7–11 mm wide, l:w = (2–) 3–6, firmly **chartaceous**, purplish brown, lightly **pruinose**, **glabrous**, dehiscing unilaterally. Seeds **longitudinal**, **ovate** to **elliptic**, 3.5–4 mm long, **compressed**, ±dull, black, arillate.

### Habitat

Grows as an understorey in mixed *Eucalyptus* forest.

### Specimens

Tas.: Tower Hill, near Fingal, *F.E.Bienvenu* 350 (CANB) and 5 Sept. 1976, *W.M.Curtis & D.I.Morris* (NSW); Roses Tier, Mar. 1986, *M.Simmons s.n.* (PERTH).

### Notes

Possibly hybridises with *A. dealbata* (sect. *Botrycephalae*), both in cultivation (e.g. *D.I.Morris* 86344, HO, PERTH) and naturally (e.g. Tower Hill, Nov. 1976, *W.Pataczek*, NSW).

Most closely related to *A. kettlewelliae* which is usually distinguished especially by its more elongate phyllodes with the gland 5–15 mm above the pulvinus and pods 5–10 cm long.

### Conservation

A detailed discussion of the species is given in A.J.J.Lynch, *Conserv. Biol. & Managem. of 16 Rare or Threat. Fabaceae Species Tas.* (ANPWS Endangered Species Program Project No. 4: 26–40, 1993).

### FOA Reference

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