

WATTLE

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Acacia pravissima F.Muell.



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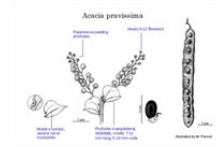
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Acacia pravissima occurrence map.
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Common Name

Oven(s) Wattle, Wedge-leaf Wattle, Tumut Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in south-eastern Australia in the higher parts of the Great Divide from near Tumut, N.S.W. and Cotter R., A.C.T., to the Strathbogie Ra. and Macalister R., Vic.

Description

Shrub or tree usually (0.5–) 3–8 m high; branches slender and spreading or arching gracefully. **Branchlets** ribbed, **glabrous** or hirsutellous. Phyllodes **crowded**, on short **stem-projections**, markedly inequilateral, generally **obdeltate** with **adaxial** margin conspicuously **rounded** with the **proximal** edge \pm parallel to branchlet, 7–12 (–16) mm long, 5–14 mm wide, **mucronate**, green to grey-green, **glabrous**, imperfectly 2-nerved; **midrib** near **abaxial** margin and a lesser **nerve** above it; **lateral** nerves indistinct; **gland** prominent, 1.5–5.5 (–9.5) mm above base, sometimes similar to *A. kettlewelliae*. Inflorescences prolific, **racemose**; **raceme axes** longer than phyllodes, **glabrous** or hirsutellous; peduncles 2–5 mm long, slender, **glabrous**; heads **globular**, 5–6 mm diam. (dry), 8–12-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals united. Pods **narrowly oblong**, to c. 8 cm long, 6–9 mm wide, firmly **chartaceous**, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong** to **ovate**, 3.5–5 mm long, dull, black; **aril clavate**.

Habitat

Usually grows near streams or in moist sheltered sites, often in open *Eucalyptus* forest.

Specimens

N.S.W.: near Tumut to the Yarrangobilly Caves, Feb. 1897, *E.Betche s.n.* (NSW). A.C.T.: between Bulls Head and Bendora Dam, Cotter R. district, *R.Pullen 3859* (NSW). Vic.: near Paradise Falls, c. 13 km SSE of Whitfield, *F.E.Bienvenu P22* (PERTH); Magilton Ck, 2.4 km NW of Strathbogie, *H.I.Aston 658* (MEL).

Notes

At Paradise Falls, north-eastern Vic., *A. pravissima* hybridises with both *A. kettlewelliae* and the Mt Typo variant of *A. boormanii*. These hybrids are recognised by the following characters: phyllodes slightly inequilateral, narrowly elliptic, acute to subacute, 17–30 mm long, 4–10 mm wide, the second longitudinal nerve (when developed) obscure and normally intersecting the gland. They resemble *A. semibinervia* (which is possibly a garden hybrid involving *A. pravissima* and *A. vestita*) or

sometimes *A. buxifolia* subsp. *buxifolia*.

Sometimes superficially resembling *A. cultriformis* which has commonly longer, grey-green to glaucous phyllodes and globular to shortly cylindrical, 13–40-flowered heads.

The dwarf variant from Splitters Ck, Vic., noted under *A. pravissima* by B.R.Maslin, *Fl. Australia* 11A: 331 (2001) is now described as *A. nanopravissima*. Other dwarf taxa, *A. infecunda* and *A. tabula* also occur at Splitters Ck.

A widely cultivated ornamental species with prolific racemes at ends of branchlets. A prostrate registered cultivar, 'Golden Carpet' and a dwarf variant (c. 0.5 m high) cultivar, 'Little Nugget', are recognized for this species, *fide* M.Hitchcock, *Austral. Pl.* 22: 323, 325 (2004), for description.

FOA Reference

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