

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia pulchella* var. *reflexa* Maslin



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*Acacia pulchella* var. *reflexa* occurrence map.  
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#### Family

Fabaceae

#### Distribution

Occurs from Badgingarra–Coorow S to Bullsbrook East and near York, W.A.

#### Description

**Branchlets** often red, **pubescent** to **puberulous**. **Axillary** spines often few (occasionally entirely absent), 1 or 2 per **node**. **Petiole** usually 0.5-2 mm long; **pinnae** usually slightly to prominently **reflexed** and 6-12 mm long; pinnules usually 4-8 pairs, **oblong** to **narrowly oblong** or **oblong-ob lanceolate**, 2-5 mm long, usually **concolorous**, green to grey-green, **glaucous** on young plants, finely **puberulous** on both surfaces. Peduncles 5-15 mm long, **puberulous**; heads usually 30-40-flowered; bracteoles usually **acute** to **apiculate**. Pods **puberulous**.

#### Habitat

Grows mostly in lateritic soil in Marri (*Corymbia calophylla*) and Wandoo (*Eucalyptus wandoo*) woodland and Jarrah (*E. marginata*) forest, and in loam near swamps.

#### Specimens

W.A.: Boonanarring Brook, Gingin, *J.J. Alford 238* (PERTH: variant); 25 km N of Bindoon on Great Northern Hwy, *B.R. Maslin 670* (NSW, PERTH: variant); 7 km N of Bullsbrook East towards Moora, *B.R. Maslin 3984* (PERTH); c. 15 km due WNW of Dandaragan, *B.R. Maslin 6032* (PERTH).

#### Notes

Most specimens in the Wannamal–Gingin–York area have distinctly acuminate bracteoles and commonly larger than normal heads with up to 60 flowers each. At Boonanarring Brook and near York the leaves are similar to the typical variant but elsewhere they are different, i.e. pinnae 2–3 mm long and not reflexed, petiole 1–6 mm long, pinnules 2–4 pairs and discolorous. It was suggested in B.R. Maslin, *Nuytsia* 1: 401 (1975), that the latter plants might represent a hybrid between var. *reflexa* and var. *pulchella*.

#### FOA Reference

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