

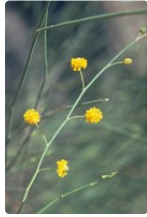
# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia restiacea* Benth.



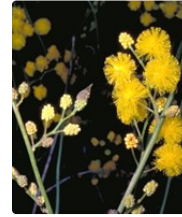
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Acacia restiacea occurrence map.  
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Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs from N of the Murchison R. S to Chidlow and near Merredin, and at Hospital Rocks (c. 90 km W of Menzies), with an early collection from Mt William in the Darling Ra., W.A.

### Description

Multistemmed, sometimes straggly, mostly **glabrous shrub**, 0.5–1.5 m high; stems rush-like, **terete**, finely **striate**, green, sometimes **glaucous**. **Bipinnate** foliage sometimes present at base of stems. **Stipules** conspicuous on new growth. Phyllodes rarely present, **distant**, resembling stems, **±pentagonal-terete** in section, 7–25 mm long, c. 0.7 mm wide, **acuminate**, 5-nerved; **adaxial** margin 2-nerved and broad; **gland** at **distal** end of **pulvinus**. Inflorescences 4–12-headed racemes; **raceme axes** 1–6 cm long, slender, **flexuose**, enclosed when young by conspicuous **imbricate** brown bracts; peduncles 4–11 mm long, slender; heads **globular**, 25–35-flowered, golden. Flowers mostly 5-**merous**; **calyx** c. 1/6 length of **corolla**, with sepals shortly and irregularly united. Pods **±moniliform**, to 8.5 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, dark brown to blackish. Seeds **longitudinal**, **ovate-elliptic**, 3–4 mm long, **turgid**, slightly shiny, black; **aril** conspicuous.

### Habitat

Grows in a variety of habitats but commonly in gravelly or rocky loam in woodland or heath, or sandy clay associated with granite outcrops.

### Specimens

W.A.: Kalbarri, *R.S.Cowan 4809 & R.A.Cowan* (CANB, NY, PERTH, US); Hospital Rock, Walling Rock Stn, *R.J.Cranfield 7461* (CANB, PERTH); Swan R., *J.Drummond (2): 143* (BM, CGE, LD, OXF, P, PERTH, W); Mt William, *J.Gilbert 107* (PERTH); 24 km N of Wannamal towards Moora, *B.R.Maslin 3239* (AD, ADW, BRI, CANB, E, L, PERTH).

### Notes

Superficially resembling *A. cerastes* which has tortuous branches with the phyllodes reduced to minute, continuous, horn-like projections, as well as very much reduced racemes.

### FOA Reference

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