

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia retrorsa* Meisn.



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

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Restricted to between Jurien Bay and Eneabba, south-western W.A.

### Description

Sprawling **prostrate** multistemmed **shrub** with rather slender branches, to 1 m long. **Branchlets** green, finely yellow-ribbed, **glabrous**, sometimes hirsutellous. Phyllodes **sessile**, strongly **retorse**, sometimes some **patent**, **linear**, **straight** to shallowly **curved**, **pentagonal-terete** to flat, 10–25 mm long, 1–2 mm wide, **pungent**, green, **glabrous**, 5-nerved, the 2-nerved **adaxial** margin 0.3–0.5 mm wide and  $\pm$ **nerve**-like when dry; **midrib** prominent. Inflorescences 1-headed **rudimentary** racemes with **axes** < 0.5 mm long; peduncles 3–5 mm long, **glabrous**; basal bracts **persistent**; heads **globular**, 16–24-flowered, light golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals c. 2/3-united. Pods submoniliform, to 6 cm long, 3.5–4.5 mm wide, firmly **chartaceous**, dark brown, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong** to **elliptic**, c. 4 mm long, blackish except for yellowish centre; **aril clavate**.

### Habitat

Grows in gravelly sand in low open heath or low open woodland.

### Specimens

W.A.: c. 10 km N of Coorow-Green Head road towards Eneabba, 2 Sept. 1979, *C. Chapman s.n.* (MEL, PERTH); c. 19 km E of Jurien Bay, *B.R. Maslin 2625* (PERTH).

### Notes

Inflorescence morphology suggests affinities to the '*A. pravifolia* group', but the venation of the phyllodes is very different from other members of that group. Superficially similar to *A. declinata*.

### FOA Reference

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