

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia rhetinocarpa* J.M.Black



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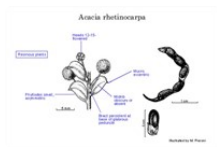
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*Acacia rhetinocarpa* occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living  
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Discontinuous, occurring in the Arno Bay area, Eyre Peninsula, the Curramulka area, Yorke Peninsula, and between Gilberts and Monarto South, S.A.

### Description

**Resinous shrub** 0.5–2 m high. **Branchlets terete**, sparsely hairy. Phyllodes on short **stem**-projections, inequilaterally **obtriangular-obovate** to widely **obovate-obdelate**, 2–5 mm long, 1.5–3.5 mm wide, **rounded** and **excentrically thick-apiculate** at apex, slightly thickened, sometimes obviously **glandular-punctate**, **glabrous**; **midrib** obscure or absent; **lateral nerves** normally absent; **gland** small, 1–2 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences **simple**, 1 per **axil**; peduncles 4–7 mm long, slender, **glabrous**; basal **bract persistent**; heads **globular**, 12–15-flowered, golden. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals 1/4–1/2-united. Pods **curved** to subtortuous, 1–3.5 cm long, 2–3 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 3.5 mm long, slightly shiny, brown; **aril galeiform**, partially sheathing end of seed.

### Habitat

Usually grows in open scrub in calcareous sand or sandy loam.

### Specimens

S.A.: 33 km SW of Cowell towards Arno Bay, *J.D.Briggs 554* (AD); 11 km S of Monarto South on the road to Ferries–McDonald Conservation Park, *B.R.Maslin 5975* (AD, PERTH); Curramulka road W of Pine Point, 31 Aug. 1976, *W.L.Quinn s.n.* (AD).

### Notes

Related to *A. glandulicarpa* which has 2-nerved phyllodes broadest below or near the middle and densely pilose pods. Phyllode shape and size may be similar to some forms of *A. acinacea* which is a non-resinous shrub further distinguished by its gland-bearing phyllode apices and free sepals. Superficially similar to *A. brachyclada* from W.A.

### Conservation

Regarded as a vulnerable species by J.Leigh *et al.*, *Rare Threatened Austral. Pl.* 84 (1981).

### FOA Reference

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