

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia startii* A.R.Chapm. & Maslin



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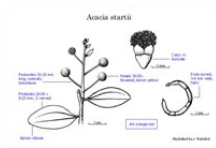
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Acacia startii occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living  
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs from the Cape Ra. Natl Park S to the Minilya R., W.A.

### Description

Dense rounded shrub, 1–2 m high. New growth tomentose. Phyllodes ovate to elliptic or narrowly elliptic, 2–5.5 cm long, 8–23 mm wide,  $l:w = 2-4$ , obtuse, coriaceous, tomentose and milky green when young, glabrescent and green or occasionally glaucous when mature, prominently 2-nerved; lateral nerves obscure; glands not prominent, 1–7 mm above pulvinus, often also at base of mucro. Inflorescences 3–6-headed racemes, sometimes growing out with subsequent inflorescences, simple; raceme axes 1–4 cm long, tomentose; peduncles 10–25 mm long, normally tomentose; heads globular, densely 30–55-flowered, lemon yellow. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united into a  $\pm$ truncate calyx. Pods strongly curved to openly once-coiled, to 7 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, crustaceous, tomentulose, subglabrous with age. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 5–6 mm long, glossy, dark brown; aril orange-red (dry).

### Habitat

Grows on plains and hills in loam often associated with limestone, in low shrub and open shrubland.

### Specimens

W.A.: 24.1 km S of turn-off to Coral Bay on Exmouth Rd, A.R.Chapman 587 (AD, MO, PERTH); Tropic of Capricorn, North West Coastal Hwy, 31 Oct. 1983, W.B.Edgecombe (PERTH); c. 10 km E of Bullara HS on Bullara–Giralia road, A.N.Start 65 (CANB, K, MEL, NSW, PERTH).

### Notes

A member of the '*A. bivenosa* group'. Often sympatric with *A. bivenosa* which is usually a glabrous shrub with green or glaucous phyllodes, deep golden heads with fewer flowers and submoniliform, broader pods. With respect to phyllode dimensions, *A. startii* resembles the more southerly *A. telmica* and *A. didyma* but is distinguished by its tomentose young phyllodes, lemon yellow, 30–55-flowered heads and narrow pods.

### FOA Reference

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