

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia tessellata* Tindale & Kodala



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

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs in N.S.W. on the North Coast to the border with the Northern Tablelands, from McGraths Hump in Bellinger Valley (30°24'S, 152°49'E) to Werrikimbee Natl Park (31°15'S, 152°13'E); common at Mt Boss and Mt Banda Banda.

### Description

Tall **shrub** to small **tree** 2.5–15 m high. Bark hard, tessellated, **mottled**, grey or light brown. **Branchlets** angled, ribbed, almost **glabrous**, somewhat **mealy**. Phyllodes **linear**, **straight** or slightly **curved**, 8–18 (–21) cm long, 3–9 (–11) mm wide, with glanduliferous **mucro**, thinly **coriaceous**, **glabrous**, with 2–5 sparsely **anastomosing longitudinal** nerves; **midrib** prominent with sometimes a subprominent **nerve** either side; basal **gland** inconspicuous. Inflorescences **simple**, 1–3 per **axil**; peduncles 7–21 mm long, normally **glabrous**; heads **globular**, 7–10 mm diam., 25–36-flowered, cream-coloured or very pale yellow. Flowers 5-**merous**; **calyx** dissected for 1/9–1/2, slightly ciliolate; **corolla** dissected for 1/2–2/3, **glabrous**. Pods **linear**, slightly raised over seeds, **±straight**-sided or very slightly constricted between seeds, 3.5–14.5 cm long, 4–6 mm wide, **coriaceous**, **glabrous**, **resinous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **elliptic-oblong**, 4.6–6.5 mm long, glossy, dark brownish black; **funicle** **filiform**, folded 1–3 times, expanded into cap-like **aril**, cream-coloured.

### Phenology

Flowers Jan. & Feb.; fruits June., Nov.–Feb.

### Habitat

Usually found at high altitudes in tall moist eucalypt forest or at the edge of cool temperate *Nothofagus* rainforest; also in scrub and open forest patches amongst rock outcrops along high ridges.

### Specimens

N.S.W.: McGraths Hump, Bellinger Valley, Jan. 1980, *J.B. Williams* (AD, NE, NSW); Camerons Forestry Camp, Mt Boss (lower slope), 43 km NW of Wauchope, 17 Dec. 1975, *J.R.N. Burder* (BRI, MO, NSW, PERTH, Z).

### Notes

Sometimes confused with *A. bauerlenii*.

### FOA Reference

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