

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia ericifolia* Benth.



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

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs from Kalbarri S to North Dandalup, S of Perth, south-western W.A.

### Description

Shrub 0.3–1 m high, sometimes semi-prostrate or to 2 m high. Branchlets loosely villous to appressed-pilose with hairs curved to subcrisped, glabrescent. Stipules caducous, connate, c. 2 mm long. Phyllodes linear to narrowly oblong, channelled above or ±infolded (when dry), planoconvex to horizontally flattened, 5–25 mm long, 0.5–1.5 (–2.5) mm wide, fleshy, sulcate when dry, green; upper phyllodes loosely villous, subglabrescent; nerves obscure or absent; gland (obscure) on upper surface near apex of phyllode. Inflorescences simple, 1 or 2 per axil; peduncles (3–) 4–10 mm long, glabrous; heads globular, 3.5–4 mm diam., 18–33-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-merous; sepals free. Pods linear, scarcely constricted between seeds, ±arcuate to once-coiled, to 2.5 cm long, ±1.5 mm wide, thinly coriaceous-crustaceous, longitudinally reticulate, glabrous or pubescent. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 2–2.5 mm long, arillate.

### Habitat

Grows on coastal cliffs and sand plains in northern areas; elsewhere it occurs on sandstone and lateritic hills, in heath and, on the Darling scarp, in wandoo and marri woodland where it may occur around granite outcrops.

### Specimens

W.A.: Red Hill, Perth–Toodyay road, *A.S. George 3714* (PERTH); North Dandalup, *N.Kuhnberg 3* (PERTH); 1.6 km NE of Nabawa, *B.R.Maslin 720* (MEL, NSW, PERTH); Red Bluff, 5 km S of Kalbarri, *P.G.Wilson 6547* (MEL, PERTH).

### Notes

Perhaps should be united with *A. leptospermoides* with which it shares the unusual characters of diaphylloidinous foliage (see *A. diaphylloidea* for description and references) and connate stipules, as well as similar inflorescences and pods. They are distinguished by vegetative characters. The specimen, *Drummond 2: 141*, cited under *A. ericifolia* by G.Bentham, *Fl. Austral.* 2: 341 (1864), is *A. leptospermoides* subsp. *leptospermoides*. Also similar to *A. vassalii*.

### FOA Reference

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