

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia praetermissa* Tindale



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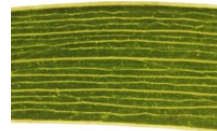
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*Acacia praetermissa* occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Restricted to the Pine Creek–Emerald Springs region of the N.T., although poorly collected.

### Description

Multistemmed **shrub** to 1.8 m high, resprouting from perennial rootstock following fire. Bark smooth, bluish grey, blotched. **Branchlets terete**, purplish brown, often lightly **pruinose**; lenticels visible. Phyllodes spreading, very narrowly **oblanceolate-elliptic, falcate**, 9–15 (–18) cm long, 3–12 (–18) mm wide, with prominent midnerve and 2–4 subprominent parallel nerves; minor nerves 1–3 per mm, loosely **anastomosing**; **gland** 1, basal, adjacent to **pulvinus**. Spikes 1–2.7 cm long, golden. Flowers loosely arranged, 5-merous. **Calyx** 0.5–1 mm long, dissected to 1/4–1/2, sparsely fimbriate towards apex; **corolla** 1.3–1.8 mm long, dissected to 1/3–1/2, **glabrous**; **ovary** sparsely **pubescent**. Pods narrowly **oblanceolate** to **±linear, straight-sided** or slightly constricted between seeds, **±flat**, 4.5–10.5 cm long, **woody**, obliquely to longitudinally and reticulately nerved, opening elastically from apex; margins thickened. Seeds slightly **oblique, elliptic-oblong** or **elliptic** to **orbicular**, 5.5–7 mm long, brown; **areole** open; **funicle-aril** conical.

### Phenology

Flowers Feb.–Aug.

### Habitat

Usually on hillsides in lateritic soil or sandy silt in eucalypt woodland.

### Specimens

N.T.: 5 miles [8 km] N [of] Pine Creek, *N.G.Eddy 120* (DNA, NSW); c. 0.5 km N of Emerald Springs Roadhouse, *B.R.Maslin 7348, M.McDonald & G.Leach* (NSW, PERTH); 1.5 km N of Emerald Springs, Stuart Hwy, *M.D.Tindale 10077, P.Munns & R.T.Turley* (B, DNA, MEL, NSW, PERTH).

### Notes

*Acacia praetermissa* can be distinguished from members of the '*A. stigmatophylla* group' by the very loosely anastomosing minor nerves between the 3–5 parallel main nerves, the ridges of the branchlets which are not minutely crenulated, and the compressed-orbicular seeds.

### FOA Reference

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