

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Park near Nowra



Pods and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Fern-leaved wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **shrubland**. Often in moist gullies, and near streams. Coast and ranges north of Tomakin. Tablelands north from west of Kanangra-Boyd National Park. **Naturalised** in Aranda Bushland, ACT.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 14 m tall. Fleshy seed stalks/**arils**. Bark smooth, later deeply fissured near the base. Branchlets angled to more or less cylindrical and ridged, often **glaucous**, hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, **rachis** 1.5-12 cm long, hairy or becoming hairless, 1-5 prominent **glands** present on the leaf stalks; **jugary** glands often irregularly present, 2-5 **interjugary** glands between successive pairs of **pinnae**. 6-28 pinnae each 3-8 cm long and with 46-186 leaflets each usually 0.3-1.2 cm long, less than 1 mm wide, hairy with fine more or less **appressed** white hairs (often only on the margins) or hairless, tips blunt to broadly rounded. Flower **heads** yellow, globular, 15-35 flowered (easiest seen in late buds), 3-6 mm in diameter, in branched clusters. Flowers Winter to Spring.

Family was Mimosaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acacia-filicifolia> (accessed 27 April 2021)

World Wide Wattle line drawings, photos, and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=f&id=23648&o=1>

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