

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, near Sassafras, north east of Nerriga



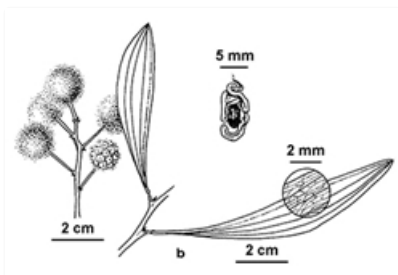
Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer D Kelly, Canberra



Pods and seeds showing the red arils. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mungarlowe, east of Braidwood



Line drawings. b. branch with 'leaf' detail; flower cluster; seed..MMbir, M., National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Blackwood, Hickory, Sally wattle, Lightwood, Tasmanian blackwood, Black wattle, Black sally

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Forest, **forest** regrowth, roadsides, along streams, moist slopes, and gullies. Widespread.

## Notes

Tree to 45 m tall, sometimes a **shrub** 1.5-3 m tall. Fleshy seed stalks. Bark rough, hard, fissured and somewhat scaly. Branchlets angled or flattened, hairy, becoming hairless. 'Leaves' **alternating** up the stems, 4-16 cm long, 6-30 mm wide, straight to almost strongly curved, surfaces hairless, 3-5 or more longitudinal **veins** prominent, tips pointed to blunt with a **mucro**, 1 **marginal gland** near the base. Flower **heads** white to yellow, globular, 30-56 flowered (easiest seen in late buds), 5-10 mm in diameter, in 2-8 flowered clusters. Flowers mostly July to Dec. Pods long and narrow, coiled when ripe. Seeds glossy, black, with a pink or orange to deep red seed stalk which encircles the seed.

Family was Mimosaceae.

Regarded as indigenous and **naturalised** in the ACT. All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Possible hybrids between **Acacia implexa** and *Acacia melanoxylon* have been reported.

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

World Wide Wattle photos, line drawings and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=m&id=10955&o=1>

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