

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

A wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland** on rocky slopes, usually within 50m of streams. Ranges from Deua National Park to Kosciuszko National Park Highway.

Notes

Shrub or tree to 15 m tall. Fleshy seed stalks/**arils**. Bark smooth, later sometimes corrugated or fissured towards the base. Branchlets with non-prominent ridges, cylindrical, often somewhat flattened towards the tips, **glaucous**, mostly hairless, rarely hairy with minute hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 1 prominent **gland** on the stalk at the base of or to 7 mm below the lowest pair of **pinnae** (rarely absent or 2 **glands** present). **Rachis** 4.5-10 cm long, hairless or the upper surface sparsely hairy, **jugary** glands present, **interjugary** glands absent or 1-4 smaller glands between some or most pairs of pinnae. 18-34 pinnae each 3.5-8.3 cm long and with 100-212 leaflets each 0.1-0.25 cm long, 0.4-0.5 mm wide, margins fringed with **appressed** minute hairs. Flower **heads** yellow, globular, 7-12 flowered (easiest seen in late buds), 4-6 mm in diameter, in many-flowered clusters. Flowers Autumn.

Family was Mimosaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acacia-olsenii> (accessed 28 April 2021)

World Wide Wattle photos, line drawings and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=o&id=23760&o=1>

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