

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, unknown site



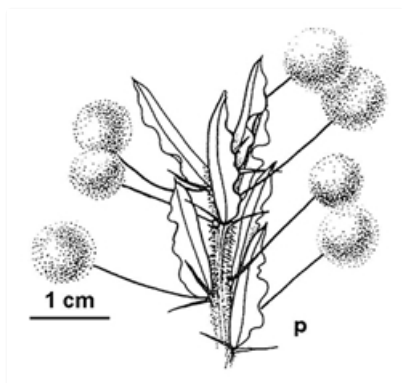
Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Batehaven near Batemans Bay



Pods and 'leaves'. Photographer Tony Dudley, Port Lincoln, SA



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mount Ainslie, Canberra, ACT



Line drawing. p. flowering branch. M.Mbir, M, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Kangaroo thorn, Hedge wattle, Prickly wattle

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **shrubland**, often on stony hills. Coastal between the Batemans Bay district and Moruya. Tablelands, ACT, and the Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 8 m tall. Fleshy seed stalks/**arils**. Sharp-pointed spiny **stipules** 4-15 mm long. Sharp-tipped 'leaves'. Bark finely fissured. Branchlets more or less cylindrical with low ridges, hairy or hairless. 'Leaves' **alternating** up the stems, often crowded, 0.5-3 cm long, 2-11 mm wide, hairless to hairy, **midvein** and **marginal veins** prominent, margins often more or less wavy, tips with a stiff sharp point or pointed with a **mucro**. Flower **heads** yellow, globular, 20-50 flowered (easiest seen in late buds), 5-12 mm in diameter, usually single, occasionally paired. Flowers Winter to Spring. Pods papery, densely hairy.

Was ***Acacia armata***.

Family was Mimosaceae.

Thought to hybridise with ***Acacia verniciflua***.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

World Wide Wattle photos, line drawings and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=p&id=3482&o=1>

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