

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems and 'leaves'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bredbo north of Cooma



Pods and 'leaves'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Meredith, Vic



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Bredbo, north of Cooma



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

Common name

Australian golden wattle, Golden wattle, Broad-leaved wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, open **shrubland**, heath, and grassy areas. Western Slopes. ACT. Tablelands south from Lake George. Ranges in Deua National Park west of Moruya.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 8 m tall. Fleshy seed stalks/**arils**. Bark smooth or finely fissured. Branchlets angled or cylindrical, hairless, sometimes **glaucous**. 'Leaves' **alternating** up the stems, 8-20 cm long, 5-50 mm wide, curved to strongly curved, surfaces hairless, **midvein** prominent, margins more or less prominent, tips pointed to blunt, bases with one side longer than the other, 1 or 2 **marginal glands**. 'Leaves' green and only of one type. Flower **heads** yellow, globular to oval, 40-80 flowered (best seen in late buds), 6-10 mm in diameter, in elongated clusters of 4-23 flower heads. Flowers Winter to Spring.

Family was Mimosaceae.

Records from the Sydney area are probably planted or garden **escapes**.

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

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

World Wide Wattle photos, line drawings and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=p&id=3504&o=1>

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