

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bankstown Flower Garden, Bankstown



Mature pods and leafy stems. Photographer Jackie Miles



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

## Common name

Crested wattle, Cape Leeuwin wattle, Cape wattle

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

**Forest** margins, **woodland**, disturbed sites and roadsides, along streams and wetlands, and dunes. Coastal. Sydney area and Blue Mountains.

Occurs naturally in WA.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** or tree to 10 m tall. Stems hairy with fine hairs, with ridges running down from the bases of the leaf stalks. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 15-30 cm long, **compound**, **rachis** hairy with fine hairs and with a **gland** at least between the **terminal pinnae**, with 14-28 pinnae each 3-12 cm long. Rachis of pinnae hairy with fine hairs; leaflets 30-80 per **pinna**, each 0.4-1.1 cm long, 1-4 mm wide, tips pointed, **mucronate**, surfaces mostly hairless; stalks 3-7 cm long, with a prominent gland about halfway along. Flower **heads** cylindrical, 40-80 mm long, greenish yellow, many-flowered, single or in pairs. Individual flowers with 5 **petals** 4-6 mm long, greenish yellow. **Stamens** 6-8 mm long. Flowers Winter-Spring.

Family was Mimosaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Paraserianthes-lophantha> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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