

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Canberra, ACT



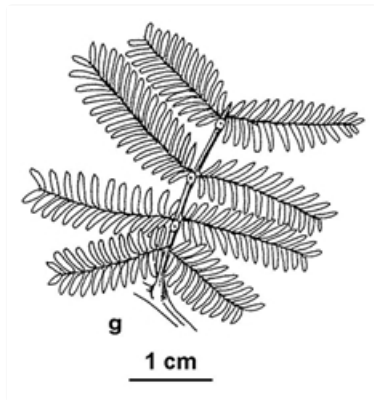
Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Bendigo, Vic



Pods and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Cootamundra



Line drawing. g. leaf. MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Cootamundra wattle, Golden mimosa

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, heath, grassy areas, and roadsides. Often on rocky sites and near streams. Native to the Temora–Cootamundra–Stockinbingal district.

Garden escape in most parts of the area covered by this key. Roadsides and invasive in woodland and **grassland**. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced** (to most parts of the area covered by this key) tree or **shrub** to 10 m tall. Fleshy seed stalks/**arils**. Bark smooth. Branchlets cylindrical and ridged, angled towards the tips, more or less **glaucous**, hairy to hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3-6.5 cm long, **compound**, **rachis** 0.3-4 cm long, hairy to hairless, prominent **jugary glands** present except between the lowermost 1 or 2 pairs of **pinnae**, **interjugary** glands absent. 2-12 pinnae, pinnae 1-3.5 cm long, each with 8-48 leaflets each 0.3-0.9 cm long, 0.7-1.6 mm wide, surfaces grey-green or bluish, hairy to hairless. Flower **heads** globular, yellow, 11-25 flowered (easiest seen in late buds), 3.5-8 mm in diameter, in elongated clusters of 8-36 flower heads. Flowers Winter to Summer.

Family was Mimosaceae.

Pest plant ACT.

Hybridises with *Acacia dealbata* (both subspecies) *Acacia decurrens*, *Acacia oshanesii*, and *Acacia pubescens*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acacia~baileyana> (accessed 3 April, 2021)

World Wide Wattle line drawings, photos, and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=b&id=18285&o=1>

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