

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Nadgee State Forest, south of Eden



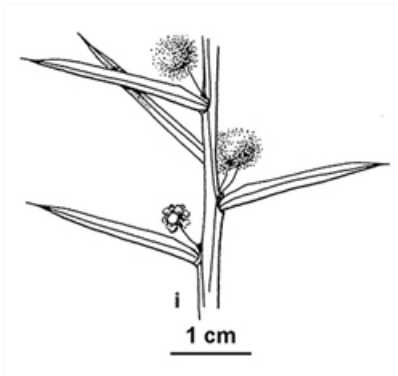
Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Recreation Area



Pods. Photographer Russell Best, Sedgwick State Forest near Bendigo, Vic



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Anthony Whalen, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Line drawing. i. flowering branch. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Early wattle, Spreading wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and roadsides. Ranges, tablelands, ACT, and the Western Slopes. Coastal south of Eden and north of Sydney.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m tall. Fleshy seed stalks/**arils**. Bark smooth. Branchlets ribbed, angled at the tips, mostly hairless. Sharp-pointed 'leaves'. 'Leaves' **alternating** up the stems, 1-8 cm long, 1-3 mm wide, more or less rigid, straight to slightly curved, cylindrical or 4-angled, surfaces hairless, 'leaves' tapering abruptly to a sharp point. **Stipules** about 1 mm long, sometimes falling early. 1 **marginal gland** near the base.. Flower **heads** pale cream to yellow, globular, 12-30 flowered (easiest seen in late buds), 4-8 mm in diameter, single or

in pairs. Flowers Autumn to Spring.

Family was Mimosaceae.

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-genistifolia> (accessed 27 April 2021)

World Wide Wattle line drawings, photos, and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=g&id=20573&o=1>

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