

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems and 'leaves'. Photographer Don Wood, Endrick River north east of Nerriga



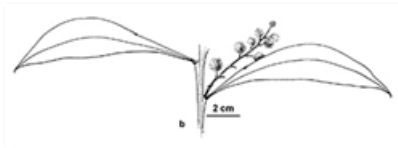
Leafy stem with pods. Photographer Jackie Miles



Open part pod with seed. Photographer Neil Blair, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board,



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

## Common name

Red-leaf wattle, Red-stemmed wattle

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**, often among rocks or along streams or in gullies. Invasive on roadsides. Widespread.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 10 m tall. Seeds with a red brown fleshy seed stalk encircling the seed. Bark finely fissured. Branchlets angled or cylindrical, hairless, reddish. 'Leaves' **alternating** up the stems, 4.5-20 cm long, 5-25 mm wide, straight or almost strongly curved, surfaces somewhat **glaucous**, often reddish, hairless, **midvein** somewhat towards the upper margin, prominent **lateral veins** sometimes distinct, margins prominent, tips pointed to blunt with a **mucro**. 1 **marginal gland** 5-40 mm above the base, rarely a second gland along the margin. A few **juvenile compound** leaves often present on mature plants. **Rachis** 4-7 cm long, with 6-8 **pinnae** each 4-7 cm long with 14-28 leaflets 0.8-1.4 cm long, 2-4 mm wide. Flower **heads** yellow, globular, 9-20 flowered (easiest seen in late buds), 5-7 mm in diameter, in elongated clusters of 5-29 flower heads. Flowers Winter to Spring, sometimes in Summer.

Family was Mimosaceae.

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

Hybridises with **Acacia falciformis**.

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

World Wide Wattle photos, line drawings and description: <http://www.worldwidewattle.com/imagegallery/image.php?p=0&l=r&id=23813&o=1>

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