

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia cowaniana* Maslin



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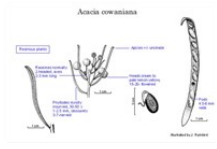
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*Acacia cowaniana* occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Common Name

Cowan's Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Restricted to a few granite outcrops near Kellerberrin and Kulin, south-western W.A.

### Description

Resinous shrub or tree normally to 5 m high. Branchlets glabrous or sparsely antrorsely puberulous with white or golden hairs; yellow (? resin) lines or irregular tubercles flanking the obscure ribs. Phyllodes patent to inclined, narrowly linear, mostly incurved, (2-) 3-5 cm long, 1-2.5 mm wide, lw = 10-46, uncinata to subuncinate, rostellate, green, sometimes golden or white appressed-puberulous on some nerves, obscurely 3-7-nerved; gland basal. Inflorescences normally 2-headed racemes; raceme axes 2-3 mm long; peduncles 5-7 mm long, sparsely to moderately appressed-puberulous with white or golden hairs; heads globular, 20-flowered, cream to pale lemon-yellow. Flowers 5-merous; calyx membranous; sepals c. 1/2-united. Pods linear, to 8 cm long, 4.5-6 mm wide, firmly chartaceous, villous or puberulous, ±glabrescent. Seeds (few seen) longitudinal to longitudinally oblique, oblong-elliptic to oblong-ovate, c. 3.5 mm long, sometimes to 5 mm long; aril clavate.

### Specimens

W.A.: Jilakin Rock, 14 km E of Kulin, 2 May 1986, *K.J. Atkins s.n.* (PERTH); 8 km N of Kellerberrin on 'Shark Mouth' Rd, *B.R. Maslin 589a* (MEL, NSW, PERTH).

### Notes

A member of the '*A. wilhelmiana* group', distinguished from *A. wilhelmiana* by its pale-coloured flower-heads, sparse peduncle indumentum, broad, ±straight pods and usually longer phyllodes.

### FOA Reference

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