

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia lapidosa* Maslin



Acacia lapidosa occurrence map.  
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Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

#### Common Name

Mt Magnet Rock Wattle

#### Family

Fabaceae

#### Distribution

Known only from a few populations in the vicinity of Mt Magnet, W.A.

#### Description

**Erect**, ±obconic or rounded, multi-stemmed, ±gnarled shrubs 1–3.5 m tall, main stems and branches somewhat contorted. Branchlets glabrous except sparsely sericeous at the extremities. Phyllodes narrowly linear, straight to shallowly incurved or shallowly sigmoid, erect, glabrous or sparsely silvery-white appressed-hairy, flat to compressed or sub-terete, (5–) 6–9.5 cm long, 1–1.5 mm wide, delicately acuminate by ±shallowly curved, innocuous tips; finely multi-nerved, margins occasionally resinous; gland basal. Flowers not seen. Peduncles (fruiting) 3–5 mm long. Pods narrowly oblong to broadly linear, 4–13 cm long, 7–9.5 mm wide, rounded over seeds, firmly coriaceous-crustaceous to ±sub-woody, greyish mid-brown to very dark brown (almost black), sparsely to moderately appressed hairy; marginal nerve not thickened. Seeds longitudinal, obloid to ellipsoid, large (mostly 8–10 x 5–7.5 mm), shallowly concave at centre, dark brown to black; aril small and terminal.

#### Phenology

Mature pods: early June. and late Sept.–Oct.

#### Habitat

Grows skeletal soils on rocky hills and plains in open Acacia-dominated shrubland.

#### Notes

Related to *A. umbraculiformis* which is readily distinguished by its characteristically wide-spreading, falcately recurved, broader phyllodes (mostly 3–7.5 mm wide) and its arborescent habit. These two species are at least sometimes sympatric and occasional hybrids are suspected; see B.R.Maslin, *Nuytsia* 24: 202 (2014) for notes.

#### Conservation

*Acacia lapidosa* is listed as Priority One under Department of Parks and Wildlife Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora.

#### FOA Reference

Flora of Australia Project

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This identification key and fact sheets are available as a mobile application:



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