

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia obliquinervia* Tindale



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

### Common Name

Mountain Hickory Wattle

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs from Taloobie, 40 km N of Rylestone, N.S.W., S through A.C.T. to near Healesville, Vic., with a western outlier in the Grampians.

### Description

Shrub or tree 1–15 m high. Branchlets commonly pruinose, glabrous. Phyllodes obovate to narrowly oblanceolate, sometimes narrowly elliptic, 5–17 cm long, 15–50 mm wide, narrowed and often recurved near base, obtuse, grey-green to glaucescent, glabrous, with prominent midrib situated towards the adaxial margin, penninerved; gland 0–12 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences racemose, sometimes paniculate; raceme axes flexuose, mostly 2–10 cm long, glabrous; peduncles 1.5–5 mm long, stout, normally glabrous; heads globular, 20–35-flowered, bright golden or lemon yellow; buds sometimes obloid. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united for up to 4/5 their length. Pods stipitate, slightly raised over seeds along midline, 4–15 cm long, 11–20 (–25) mm wide, chartaceous to thinly coriaceous, slightly pruinose, glabrous. Seeds oblique, 5–6 mm long, oblong-elliptic to ovate, dull to slightly shiny, black; funicle thickly filiform, dark red-brown to black (dry), arillate.

### Habitat

Common in montane forests and woodlands between 500 m and 1700 m alt.

### Specimens

N.S.W.: c. 27 km NE of Rules Point on Fiery Ridge, *T. & J. Whaites* 2892 (PERTH). A.C.T.: Mt Franklin, 27 Nov. 1949, *E. Gauba* (MEL, PERTH). Vic.: Victoria Ra., Grampians, *A.C. Beauglehole* 9870 (MEL); Golden Gully Trail, East Gippsland, *A.C. Beauglehole* 34184 (MEL, NSW, PERTH).

### Notes

Formerly confused with *A. falciformis* which is distinguished by its creamy yellow flower-heads, normally golden-puberulous peduncles and raceme axes, and phyllodes with a fine oblique nerve from the gland to the midrib. Short phyllode forms may resemble *A. caerulescens* or *A. penninervis*, both of which also possess an oblique nerve from the gland to the midrib, and occasionally *A. sporadica* which is a root-suckering shrub with non-pruinose branchlets, phyllodes with midrib more obviously excentric, peduncles stouter and often shorter, and seeds transverse in the pods. Sometimes superficially resembling *A. pycnantha* which is distinguished by its more numerous 40–80-flowered heads, narrower pods 5–7 mm wide, and green phyllodes with a ±central midrib.

L. Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 1: 267 (1978), regarded *Acacia penninervis* var. *glauca* R.T. Baker as conspecific with *A. falciformis*.

### FOA Reference

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