

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia errabunda* Maslin



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

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs near Broomehill (c. 20 km due SSE of Katanning), Jerramungup and Ravensthorpe, south-western W.A.

### Description

Spreading rather **dense glabrous shrub** 1–2.5 m high. New shoots, **phyllode** nerves and bracteoles commonly **mealy**. Phyllodes **oblanceolate** to **linear-oblanceolate**, **straight** to shallowly **incurved**, 2–5 (–9) cm long, 3–8 mm wide, **obtuse-mucronulate** or **±acute**, thin, green or subglauous, 1- or 2-nerved per face; **midrib** near **abaxial** margin (infrequently central); **adaxial** margin 2-nerved; minor nerves **anastomosing** to form an open **longitudinal reticulum**; **gland** not prominent, 0–2 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences **simple**, mostly 2 per **axil**; peduncles c. 2 mm long, **±obscured** by stamens at **anthesis**; basal **bract persistent**; heads **globular**, 17–22-flowered, light golden. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals united to near apex. Pods **linear**, shallowly **curved**, to 9 cm long, 3.5 mm wide, firmly **chartaceous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 4 mm long, shiny, dark brown; **aril** terminal, orange-brown when dry.

### Habitat

Grows on loam and clay, in woodland, mallee communities and *Acacia* shrubland.

### Specimens

W.A.: 8 km S of Ravensthorpe towards Hopetoun, *B.R.Maslin 2565* (CANB, K, MEL, NY, PERTH); 17.7 km SE of Jerramungup, *K.Newbey 1299* (BRI, NSW, NY, PERTH); 1.6 km E of Broomehill, *K.Newbey 3434* (G, PERTH).

### Notes

One specimen from S of Ravensthorpe (*K.Newbey 940*, PERTH) has atypically long phyllodes (to 9 cm).

Appears most closely related to *A. stricta*, which is widespread in eastern Australia and distinguished especially by its often paler coloured heads 20–38-flowered, peduncles 2–5 mm long, phyllodes 3.5–14 cm × 3–15 mm, midrib central, adaxial margin 1-nerved and by numerous fine lateral nerves which form an obliquely orientated (relative to the midrib) close reticulum. The adaxial margin of phyllodes in *A. errabunda* is 2-nerved and these nerves are sometimes clearly intra-marginal so that the phyllodes appear to be 2-nerved per face.

### FOA Reference

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