

Acacia fimbriata

(Mimosaceae)

Common name: Brisbane golden wattle.

Localities: Kholo Creek, Upper Brookfield and widespread.

Growth form: Attractive shrub or small tree to 6 m tall.

Foliage: Leaves are absent except on seedlings and what appear to be leaves are modified leaf stalks. These are 2-5 cm long and less than 5 mm wide.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers are pale yellow and fragrant, appearing from mid-winter to early spring. Pods are up to 6 cm long and contain several seeds.

Habitat: A common species in primary regrowth. At its best in creek-side situations but also well adapted as an understory shrub in eucalypt forest.

Propagation and Management: Seeds require scarifying to overcome dormancy.

General: This is a short-lived shrub, as it is susceptible to various stem-boring insects. However, seedlings re-establish readily. A number of other *Acacia* species are common in the district, especially as re-growth after rainforest has been cleared. Examples are *A. melanoxylon* (blackwood), *A. aulocarpa* (hickory wattle), *A. maidenii* (Maiden's wattle) and *A. leiocalyx* (black wattle). Most are tolerant of infertile soils and periods of drought. All species in the genus are nitrogen-fixers.

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