

Acacia leiocalyx

(Mimosaceae)

- Common name:** Black wattle.
- Localities:** Widespread in the district.
- Growth form:** Tree to about 15 m tall, with slightly furrowed grey bark, and developing a fairly dense, rounded crown when grown away from other trees.
- Foliage:** Phyllodes ("leaves") are 10-20 cm long, 1-2.5 cm wide, and are straight or sickle-shaped.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers appear in late summer and autumn. They are pale yellow and are borne in single or paired spikes in upper phyllode axils, the spikes up to 6 cm long. Pods are loosely coiled, about 7 cm long, containing black shiny seeds.
- Habitat:** Found in dry rain forest and eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** Seeds require scarifying to overcome dormancy.
- General:** Black wattle is a very hardy species, tolerating infertile soils and periods of drought. A longer-lived species than many wattles. The blossom attracts honeyeaters and sugar gliders.

