

## Blackwood

### *Acacia melanoxylon*

### When to look:

Throughout year; flowers July to December

Small to large tree, 3-45 m high. Pale yellow to white flowers July to December



Leaves lance-shaped, straight to slightly curved. 3-5 raised main veins with numerous secondary veins



Seed pods strongly curved or coiled and 4-12 cm long, straight-sided to slightly constricted between seeds. Seeds longitudinal, twice-encircled by an orange to red funicle (elongated fleshy structure that supports the seed).

### Similar species:

*Acacia melanoxylon* is one of the most wide-ranging tree species in eastern Australia and considerably variable, particularly in leaf size and shape. *Acacia implexa* is similar but differs in its whitish funicle (fleshy structure around the seed), leaves that are more sickle-shaped and later flowering time.

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