

## Northern Black Wattle

*Acacia auriculiformis*

When to look:

Year-round. Flowers  
February - August



Pods stripey, flat but strongly coiled, brown, linear to oblong that contain shiny black seeds

Grouped yellow flowers in a spike (up to 8 cm)

Long slightly curved leaves (approx. 10-20cm)

### Similar species:

Other wattle species; *Acacia polystachya* can be distinguished by smaller bladed leaves that have a red or pink gland visible on the upper side. Flowers are also spiked, but are sparse and white, with pods that are usually twisted, curved or coiled to some extent.

*A. auriculiformis* shares the same common name (Black Wattle) as *A. mearnsii* which is unrelated and found in all states except Northern Territory.

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