

Warrandyte's Wattles



Gold-dust Wattle *Acacia acinacea*



Thin-leaf Wattle *Acacia aculeatissima*



Silver Wattle *Acacia dealbata*



Spreading Wattle *Acacia genistifolia*



Lightwood *Acacia implexa*

The flowers of Warrandyte's wattles vary in colour from creamy-yellow to deep gold. Only two species have true adult leaves (Black Wattle and Silver Wattle). All others develop phyllodes; flattened leaf-stalks that look like and function like leaves.

Most flower from late winter to spring. They can be found in a wide range of vegetation communities, from the riverbanks to the ridges.

Several other species of wattle from other parts of Australia grow in the Warrandyte bush. These are garden escapes that have become environmental weeds. You can help prevent their spread by only planting wattles indigenous to our area.

Gold-dust Wattle *Acacia acinacea*
Open spreading shrub to 1.5m. July-Oct. Small ovate to oblong phyllodes on arching branches, profuse flowers along stems.

Thin-leaf Wattle *Acacia aculeatissima*
Prostrate or low sprawling shrub to 30cm. June-Dec. Prickly phyllodes usually point down stems at odd angles, flowers along stems.

Silver Wattle *Acacia dealbata*
Tree to 15m. July-Nov. Blueish-green ferny leaves, dense flower sprays followed by purplish seed pods.

Spreading Wattle *Acacia genistifolia*
Open erect shrub to 2.5m. Aug-Oct. and occasionally in autumn. Long narrow prickly phyllodes, pale flowers along stems.

Lightwood *Acacia implexa*
Small tree to 8m. Dec-Mar. Long dark green sickle-shaped phyllodes, flowers in sprays, develops corky bark with age.

Black Wattle *Acacia mearnsii*
Tree to 10m. Sept-Dec. Dark green ferny leaves, flowers in sprays.

Blackwood *Acacia melanoxylon*
Small or medium tree to 12m. Aug-Oct. Dull green broad wavy phyllodes, flowers in sprays.

Myrtle Wattle *Acacia myrtifolia*
Open shrub to 2m. July-Oct. Broad oval phyllodes, new growth reddish, flowers in short sprays.

Hedge Wattle *Acacia paradoxa*
Dense shrub or small tree to 4m. Aug-Nov. Small wavy-edged phyllodes, flowers along thorny stems.



Black Wattle *Acacia mearnsii*



Blackwood *Acacia melanoxylon*



Myrtle Wattle *Acacia myrtifolia*



Hedge Wattle *Acacia paradoxa*



Golden Wattle *Acacia pycnantha*
Small tree to 8m. July-Oct
Dark green glossy phyllodes, broader
when young, flowers in sprays.



Juniper Wattle *Acacia ulicifolia*
Open prickly shrub to 2m. May-Sept
Small dull green prickly phyllodes,
broadest near stem, flowers along stems.



Prickly Moses *Acacia verticillata*
Spreading shrub or small tree to 5m.
June-Dec. Fine prickly phyllodes in
whorls, branches often arching;
flowers along stems.

The following wattles are also indigenous to Warrandyte but are less common

Heath Wattle *Acacia brownii*

Woolly Wattle *A. lanigera*

Cinnamon Wattle *A. leprosa*

Hop Wattle *A. stricta*

Varnish Wattle *A. verniciflua*

FURTHER READING

A Field Guide to Victorian Wattles
Discover Warrandyte
Flora of Melbourne
Flora of Warrandyte
Live Local Plant Local
Native Splendour
Native Trees and Shrubs
of SE Australia

F. J. C. Rogers
FOWSP (available at the Warrandyte PO and our market stall)
Australian Plants Society
P. Coupar, D. Van Bockel (available for loan from WSP office)
Nillumbik Shire Council
Manningham City Council
Leon Costermans

For more information:

- * contact Warrandyte State Park (phone 9844 2659)
- * visit our trailer at the Warrandyte Market, held on the first Saturday of the month,
9am to 1pm at Stiggants Reserve (Melway 23 C12)
- * visit WSP Office and Nursery at Pound Bend any Thursday 10am to 12 midday, (Melway 23C10)



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