



# Acacia ligulata

## Umbrella Wattle (Prostrate)



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)



(Murfet, D, Seeds of South Australia)



Females (top) and male Two-spotted Line-blue butterflies

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** Ground cover **Height:** up to 0.2 m **Spread:** up to 2 m **Flowers:** Yellow **Type:** Globular **Flowering time:** Spring

**Ecological functions:** 

**Soils:** sandy, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

**Germination rate:** 4 to 6 weeks

**Seed collecting:** collect mature pods that are turning brown, with hard, dark seeds inside.

**Seed treatment:** place seed into a container and pour on water that has just been boiled. Soak overnight. Remove and sow immediately.

**Sowing requirements:** cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring-Summer.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** A fast growing screen and soil stabiliser. The roots are habitat for witchetty grubs. Indigenous people used the seeds to make flour. Food host to Two-spotted Line-blue (*Nacaduba biocellata*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** The shallow roots can inhibit growth to plants around it.