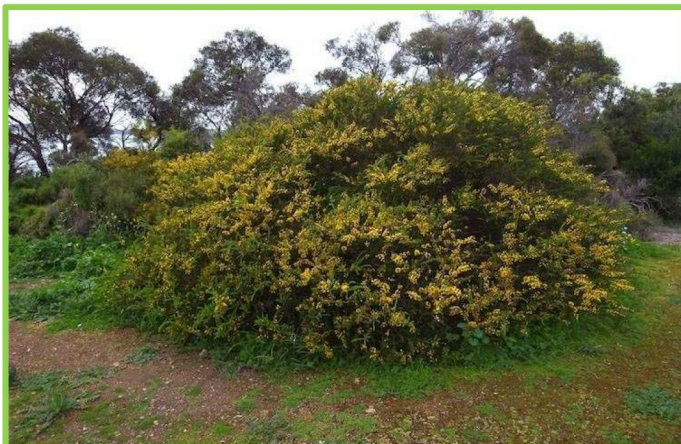




Acacia paradoxa

Kangaroo Thorn



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)



(Acacia paradoxa, Seeds of South Australia) (Hunter, L, iNaturalist Australia)



Form: Large shrub **Height:** 2 – 4 m **Spread:** 2 – 5 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, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: commonly planted on road batters as erosion control or a barrier, hedge or screen for low traffic areas due to its extremely prickly foliage. Provides habitat for small mammals.

Notes: thorny, caution should be taken when planting in high traffic areas or where children play. Not recommended to plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.