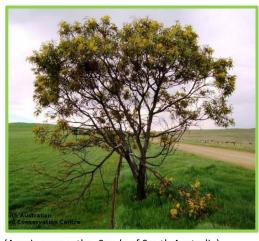


Acacia pycnantha Golden Wattle









Flowers are golden during Winter and yellow during Spring

An adult Tailed **Emperor** butterfly

(Acacia pycnantha, Seeds of South Australia)

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Spread: 2-6 m

(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: Small tree

Height: 4-6 m

Flowers: Gold, Yellow Type: Globular

Flowering time: Spring, Winter

Germination rate: 4 to 6 weeks

Ecological function



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

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: An ornamental shade tree for parks and reserves. Used for food, fibre, medicine and adhesive by Indigenous peoples. Food host to Tailed Emperor (Polyura sempronius) and other native butterfly caterpillars.

Notes: Written approval required prior to planting in streets or roads. Do not plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.

Sources: Botanical Gardens of South Australia; Seeds of South Australia; TreeProject, Trees For Life Tree Scheme: Grower's Handbook'; Atlas of Living Australia; SA Butterflies & Moths