



# Acacia pycnantha

## Golden Wattle



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Flowers are golden during Winter and yellow during Spring



An adult Tailed Emperor butterfly

(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

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**Form:** Small tree    **Height:** 4 – 6 m    **Spread:** 2 – 6 m    **Flowers:** Gold, Yellow    **Type:** Globular    **Flowering time:** Spring, Winter

**Ecological function** 

**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:** 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.