

Acacia ulicifolia



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FAMILY: MIMOSACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Acacia ulicifolia*, (Salisb.) Court, *Vict. Nat.* 73: 173 (1957)

COMMON NAME: juniper wattle

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*) Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Description

A small, rigid, prickly shrub up to 2 metres tall. The wiry branches are circular in cross section and often covered with long white hairs. **Leaves:** The adult foliage consists of flattened leaf stalks (phyllodes) which function as leaves. These are numerous and crowded, producing foliage that looks similar to gorse. They are between 0.8-1.0 cm long and 0.6-1.6 cm wide. **Flowers:** This species flowers in late winter and early spring, producing cream or yellow flowers on solitary stalks which are 1-2 cm long. **Fruit:** The pods are straight or slightly curved 2.5-4 cm long and 4 mm broad (description from Curtis & Morris 1975, Tamre 1992). **This species was previously known as *Racosperma ulicifolium*.**

Distribution and Habitat

This species also occurs in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. In Tasmania, *Acacia ulicifolia* is found on sandy coastal heaths, open forest and woodland in the north and east of Tasmania (Tamre 1992).

Key Sites and Populations

Key sites for this species include Lyme Regis, Cabbage Tree Hill, Beaconsfield, Bridport - Granite head area, Coles Bay, George Town, Scamander, Middleton Creek, Beechford, St Helens Point, North of Banksia grove, Rocky Cape National Park, Little Pipers River, north coast near Weymouth, Binalong Bay, Boat Harbour, Bluff Hill - Bluff Hill Point, Glengarry, Beaumaris and Waterhouse Road.



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Known Reserves

Bay of Fires Conservation Area, Coles Bay Conservation Area, Dans Hill Conservation Area, Foochow Conservation Area, Freycinet National Park, Granite Point Conservation Area, Humbug Point Nature Recreation, Moulting Lagoon Game Reserve, Mount Pearson State Reserve, Rocky Cape National Park, South Bruny National Park, St Helens Point Conservation Area, Tasman National Park, Three Hummock Island State Reserve, Waterhouse Conservation Area., Wingaroo Nature Reserve.

Ecology and Management

The main threats to *Acacia ulicifolia* include inappropriate fire regimes and land clearance.

This species is frost hardy, tolerating frosts to -7 C. It can be propagated from scarified seed or by boiling water treatment (ANBG 2003).

Bees are the most likely pollination vector for this species (A. Hingston pers. comm.).

Conservation Status Assessment

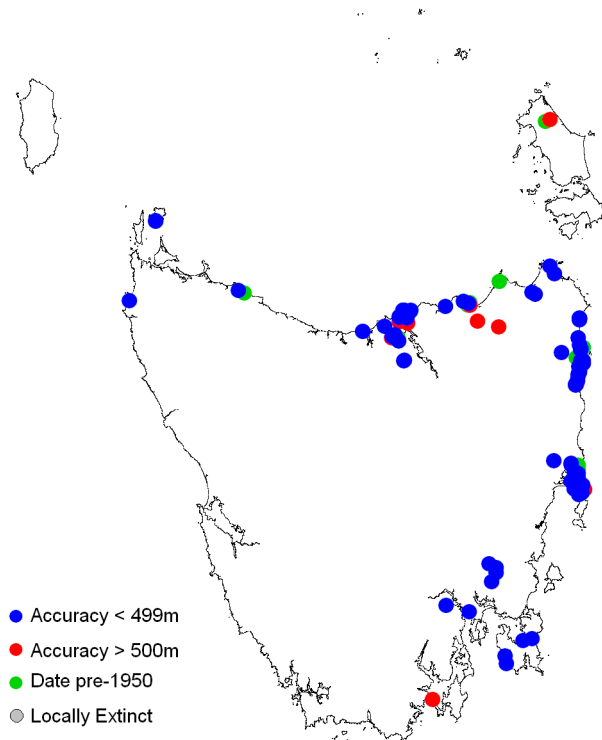
There is no immediate need for reassessment of *Acacia ulicifolia*.

Further Information

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Tasmanian Distribution

(From Natural Values Atlas Records, July 2008)



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Adamson, Ansons Bay, Apslawn, Beaconsfield, Beaumaris, Bell Bay, Binalong, Bluff, Bridport, Buckland, Coles Bay, Collinsvale, Exeter, Falmouth, Friendly, Hobart, Lodi, Low Head, Lyme Regis, Marrawah, Monarch, Nabowla, Partridge, Port Arthur, Port Sorell Pyengana, Raoul, Rocky Cape, Runnymede, Scottsdale, St Helens, Tam O Shanter, Taranna, Waterhouse, Wingaroo, Wynyard.

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Permit

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