

Mimosaceae
Acacia decora
 pretty wattle



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ETYMOLOGY	(a-KAY-sha) Greek akakia from akis = a sharp point as this is a spiny species; The species <i>decora</i> = refer to the decorative appearance;
LIFEFORM	Shrub 1-2m x 1-2m Spread
OCCURS	Chinchilla, Glenmorgan, Callide Valley Qld to NSW, Vic
QLD DISTRICTS	Burke, Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Mitchell, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Warrego, Wide Bay
HABITAT	Desert Uplands, Grassy, Rocky, hillsides, ridges; Associate with <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> , <i>Eucalyptus melanophloia</i> ;
LEAVES	Phyllodes, 2-5 cm x 2-7 mm, curved blue grey, with prominent central nerve and minor branching nerves, gland located on upper margin;
FLOWERS	Ball-shaped, 5-6 mm, golden yellow 15-30 flowers in branching terminal racemes;
FRUIT	Flowering Times June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct Pods, 6-10 cm x 4-6 mm, linear, flat, brown, raised over seeds; funicle usually with one-fold arilate; Fruiting Times Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March
BARK	Grey and smooth orangy-yellow colouring;
STEM	Much branched spreading erect shrub with reddish branchlets angular terete ribbed maroon, usually yellowish brown young stems are red;
ETHNOBOTANY	Good ornamental hardy showy shrub; Gum edible; good producer of pollen although the pollen is of doubtful nutritive value; Useful as low windbreak or shelter;
MISTLETOE	Host plant for <i>Amyema congener</i> ;
TOLERANCE	Drought resistant but could be frost tender;
INSECTS	<i>Sertorius australis</i> horned treehopper
BIRD	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (seeds)
ID FEATURES	Branchlets sparsely red-brown hairy + Phyllodes >3 cm papery with 1-2 glands, lowermost 5-15 mm above base + Ball-shaped bright yellow-15-30 flowers. Peduncles with appressed golden hairs;

