

# Mimosaceae

## *Acacia maidenii*

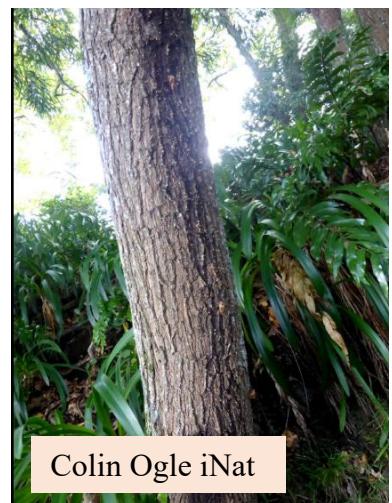
### Maiden's wattle



Drawing by Marion Simmons



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#### ETYMOLOGY

(a-KAY-sha) Greek akakia from akis = a sharp point; The species maidenii = After J.H. Maiden Sydney Botanic Gardens Author Govt Botanist.

#### LIFEFORM

Large Shrub or Small Tree 5-15m x 3-9m Spread

#### STATUS

Common well conserved; ROTAP 1995 list coding of 2VCi; Critically Endangered in Victoria Proserpine Qld to Illawarra NSW, Orbost Vic

#### QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Darling Downs, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

#### HABITAT

Subtropical/Dry Rainforest, Araucarian Microphyll/Notophyll Vine Forest

#### LEAVES

Alternate, 10-20 cm, sickle shaped, phyllodes 2-5 prominent veins stems 2 angled narrower thinner with one or more conspicuous long veins, (others parallel); branched close fine inconspicuous.

#### FLOWERS

Spikes, 6 cm, sessile, creamy/yellow single or in pairs in upper axils, calyx and stalk have golden hairs: **Flowering Times** Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April

#### FRUIT

Pods, 5-15 x 2-6 mm, woody, rough dark brown narrow twisted together in terete coil or irregular loose spirals: hard-coated seed, soil-stored seedbank

#### Fruiting Times

Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec

#### BARK

Dark grey and deeply fissured bark with corky spots called lenticels.

#### STEM

Erect or spreading tree prominent on branchlets.

#### WILDLIFE

Stem sap eaten by Sugar glider (gum)

#### INSECTS

*Eucerocoris tumidiceps* Acacia Bug *Piesarthrius marginellus* Cerambycid beetle

#### MISTLETOE

Host plant for *Amyema congener*

#### BIRD

Fruit eaten by Australian King Parrots Common Bronzewing, Brush Bronzewing, Silvereyes, Regent bowerbirds, Brown Cuckoo-doves, Crimson Rosellas, Lewin's Honeyeaters

#### BUTTERFLY

*Eurema hecabe* Common Grass Yellow, *Polyura sempronius* Tailed Emperor, *Nacaduba biocellata* Two-spotted Line-blue, *Sahulana scintillata* Glistening Line-blue

#### INDIGENOUS USES

Seeds were eaten. Exudates from trunk (like gum) have been used in the past for food;

#### ID FEATURES

Phyllodes more than four longitudinal veins + Branchlets with prominent lenticels (small raised white spots) + Flowers in spikes