

Sydney Golden Wattle

Acacia longifolia

When to look:

Flowers Jun - Oct



Large shrub up to 8m tall.

Leaves: Light green phyllodes (flattened leaf stalks) 14-20cm long and 2-3cm wide. Several longitudinal veins.

Flowers: Bright yellow flowers arranged forming elongate clusters.

Seed pods: elongate 4-150mm long, cylindrical in shape with a pointed tip. Green in colour but turn brown as they mature.

Similar species:

Coastal wattle (*Acacia sophorae*) - smaller shrub growing 0.5-3 m tall. Contain shorter, broad leaves (4-12 cm long, 10-35 mm wide) that are less flexible. The leaves are wider at or above the middle.

Stiff-leaved wattle (*Acacia obtusifolia*) - resinous leaf margins, paler flower heads and has more rounded leaf tips. Also flowers later in the year, December-February.

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