

Acacia cyclops

Commonly: Coast Wattle or Red-eyed Wattle

Vascular Plant Family: Fabaceae

Flowers most months of the year

Acacia cyclops is a shrub but occasionally a small tree up to 4m tall with a smooth grey bark. The young branches are angular. It occurs in coastal heath.



The pods are grey-brown in colour and linear in shape but curl up when mature. They remain on the plant even after the seeds have been shed.



The phyllodes (modified leaves) can be up to 9cm long and 1.5 cm wide with 3 or 4 obvious veins on both surfaces. Between these veins there is a network of less obvious veins.



The seeds are spectacular. They are black and surrounded by an orange to red seed stalk.



The ball shaped heads, about 1cm long, of flowers occur in pairs in the axils of the phyllodes. The 5-lobed calyx and petals are not obvious but it is dense stamens which give the flowers their pale yellow colour.



Below is an individual seed which illustrates the intensity of colour of some seed stalks.

