

**Mimosaceae**  
***Acacia amblygona***  
scrambling wattle

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- ETYMOLOGY** (a-KAY-sha) Greek akakia from akis = a sharp point as this is a spiny species; The species amblygona (am-ble-GO-na) obtuse angled.
- LIFEFORM** Shrub 10cm-1m x 1m Spread
- STATUS** Widespread inland SE Qld, NSW; Uncommon per site; First collected from the Brisbane River Area by Allan Cunningham who named and described.
- OCCURS** Peak Down, Nathan Gorge, Glenmorgan Q, Temora NSW Ravensthorpe WA
- HABITAT** undulating ridge, foot slope of ranges
- LEAVES** Phyllodes, 4-12 x 2-4 mm, triangular-acute asymmetric, mucronate green, several longitudinal veins, hairy above and below, sharp-pointed; 2-3 prominent veins confluent with margin sharp pointed end.
- FLOWERS** Balls, 5-7 mm, bright golden yellow, on an axillary globose scented head 10-15 flowers to make balls on 6-12 mm stalks; **Flowering times** July, Aug, Sept, Oct
- FRUIT** Pods, 3-7 cm x 4-5 mm, linear, strongly curved coiled, flattened, brown strongly twisted & hairless; Valves raised above seeds and slightly contracted between them; **Fruiting times** Oct, Nov
- BARK** Rough grey branches green
- TRUNK or STEM** Bushy, rigid very prickly low sprawling shrub with densely hairy terete branchlets; Thin twisted trunk; New growth is green, hairy;
- ETHNOBOTANY** Hardy useful for controlling soil erosion; Nursey hybrid "Winter Gold" Prostrate form originated in Brisbane appears excellent ground cover in gardens, container plant, potential as a vigorous groundcover; Similar to *Acacia pravifolia*; Grows with *Acacia crassa*, Cypress pine;
- TOLERANCE:** Drought and frost resistant
- WILDLIFE:** Prickly foliage provides refuge for birds, lizards;
- NATIVE BEES**
- INSECTS** *Sertorius australis* horned treehopper
- MISTLETOES**
- BIRD**
- BUTTERFLY**
- INDIGENOUS USES**
- ID FEATURE** Branchlets hairy horizontal + Phyllodes narrow triangular, obtuse angle, prominent 2 or more longitudinal nerve situated near lower margin; Flowers globular heads on 6-12 mm peduncles (shorter than phyllodes); Pods strongly curved to openly coiled