

Acacia decurrens

COMMON NAME

green wattle

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Acacia decurrens Willd.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

HABITAT

Waste places and dry hillsides.

FEATURES

Small to large tree, stems sparsely hairy. Leaves 2-pinnate with widely spaced, dark green pinnules. The inflorescence consists of numerous bright yellow globose heads arranged in racemes, more or less equal in length to the leaves. The seed pod is glabrous and straight, up to 100 x 8 mm.

SIMILAR TAXA

It has been confused with *A. mearnsii*, but can be distinguished by the sparsely hairy stems and brighter yellow flowers. It is most similar to *A. paramattense*, but can be separated by the widely spaced pinnules.

FLOWERING

July, August, September.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1880

ORIGIN

E. Australia, Tasmania

ETYMOLOGY

acacia: Derived from Greek 'akazo' to sharpen, meaning point; spine or thorn.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/acacia-decurrens/>



Whanganui. Aug 2009. Photographer: Colin Ogle



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