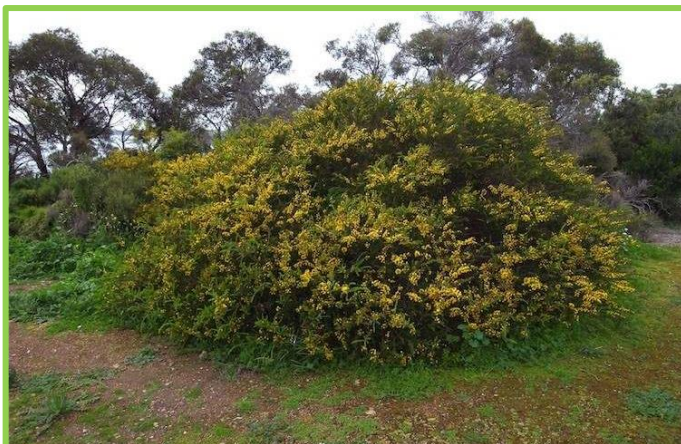




# Acacia paradoxa

## Kangaroo Thorn



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)



(Acacia paradoxa, Seeds of South Australia) (Hunter, L, iNaturalist Australia)



**Form:** Large shrub    **Height:** 2 – 4 m    **Spread:** 2 – 5 m    **Flowers:** Yellow    **Type:** Globular    **Flowering time:** Spring

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** sandy, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

**Germination rate:** 4 to 6 weeks

**Seed collecting:** collect mature pods that are turning brown, with hard, dark seeds inside.

**Seed treatment:** place seed into a container and pour on water that has just been boiled. Soak overnight. Remove and sow immediately.

**Sowing requirements:** cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring-Summer.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** commonly planted on road batters as erosion control or a barrier, hedge or screen for low traffic areas due to its extremely prickly foliage. Provides habitat for small mammals.

**Notes:** thorny, caution should be taken when planting in high traffic areas or where children play. Not recommended to plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.