



Acacia pycnantha

Golden Wattle



(Acacia pycnantha, Seeds of South Australia)



(Acacia pycnantha, Seeds of South Australia)



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

Flowers are golden during Winter and yellow during Spring



An adult Tailed Emperor butterfly

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Small tree* **Height:** *4 – 6 m* **Spread:** *2 – 6 m* **Flowers:** *Gold, Yellow* **Type:** *Globular* **Flowering time:** *Spring, Winter*

Ecological function

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

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: An ornamental shade tree for parks and reserves. Used for food, fibre, medicine and adhesive by Indigenous peoples. Food host to Tailed Emperor (*Polyura sempronius*) and other native butterfly caterpillars.

Notes: Written approval required prior to planting in streets or roads. Do not plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.