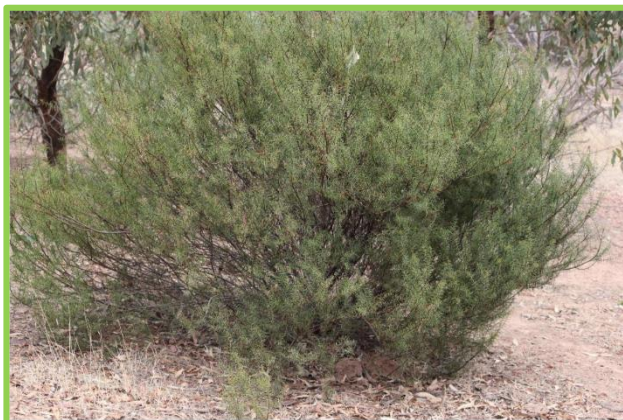




# Acacia rupicola

## Rock Wattle



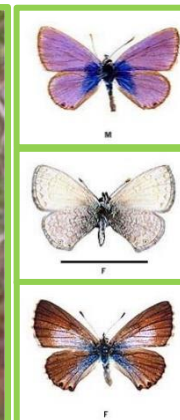
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Adult male (top) and female (middle & bottom) Two-spotted Line-blue butterflies

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** Medium shrub **Height:** 1 – 2 m **Spread:** 1 – 1.5 m **Flowers:** Cream **Type:** Globular **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:** 

**Soils:** rock, sand, clay or loam; 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. Requires well-drained soils. Sow in late Spring-Summer.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** commonly used for understorey in dry shady situations or rocky areas. Suitable for highway verges, batters, wide median strips, parks and reserves. Food host to Two-spotted Line-blue butterfly (*Nacaduba biocellata biocellata*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** not recommended to plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.