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### Plant features

**Growth form**
Large shrub to small tree, 3-7m high.

**Leaves**
The phyllodes are 2-8mm wide and 80-150mm long, bright green, curve over slightly towards the soft tip and are fringed with fine, short white hairs.

**Flowers**
The inflorescence is a lemon yellow, cylindrical spike, 10-30mm long composed of numerous tiny flowers. Flowers from July to Sept.

**Fruits**
The pods are usually linear and constricted between the seeds, 2.5-7mm wide and 30-80mm long, light brown and slightly woody. The seeds are 1-2.5mm wide and 2-4.5mm long, dark brown to black and usually oblong.

**Bark**
The lower trunk has dark grey-brown tightly fissured bark, grading to smoother and lighter bark on the younger branches.

### Distribution
Found throughout the Avon catchment, as well as from Kalbarri to the south coast and inland to the Goldfields.

### Zone, habitat
Found on fresh to slightly saline floodfringes, drier floodways and across the landscape. Grows on a variety of soil types especially red loams.

### Additional information
A very useful large shrub/small tree for revegetation that regenerates readily after disturbances such as fire. It is a common species (although it can be quite variable in its form) throughout the Avon and is relied upon by a range of fauna. Another advantage is its ability to fix nitrogen in soils. It is a slightly waterlogging and salt tolerant species as well as very drought tolerant. Plants can be grown from tubestock or direct seeded. Seed needs to be collected from early Nov to late Dec as soon as ripe. Seed requires scarification for quick or uniform germination. Germination can also be improved by boiling (100°C for 1 min). Re-sprouts after fire from base or trunk. Seeds can be collected in Nov-Dec.