

Acacia verticillata subsp. ruscifolia

COMMON NAME

prickly Moses

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Acacia verticillata subsp. *ruscifolia* (A.Cunn. ex G.Don) Court

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Waste places and scrubland. Seeds itself away from old house gardens, farms or similar.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Shrub to small tree, stems ribbed, sparsely to densely hairy. Leaves reduced to small sharply pointed phyllodes up to 17 x 3 mm. Inflorescence consists of numerous pale yellow flowers arranged in spikes that extend beyond the leaves. Seed pod usually straight, up to 100 x 4 mm.

SIMILAR TAXA

The sharply pointed phyllodes (false leaves) and flowers arranged in spikes make *A. verticillata* easily identifiable.

FLOWERING

September, October, November.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1948

ORIGIN

S.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-verticillata-subsp-ruscifolia/>



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