

We have 34 taxa in our Gardens, some common and some less common.

Our flowering times chart shows that there is an acacia in flower every month of the year. Use this chart in conjunction with the map to locate the wattles in flower.



### SOME WATTLES IN OUR GARDENS

*Acacia leprosa* 'Scarlet Blaze' was found in 1995 in the North East of Melbourne by bushwalkers it has blood red flowers and was Victoria's floral emblem for the centenary of federation.

*Acacia meurnsii* a native in our shire is classed as the worst invasive tree in the world yet it plays an important role in Australian ecosystems.

*Acacia myrtifolia* has red stems. It was one of the earliest Australian plants brought into cultivation in Europe.

Most Acacias do not have true leaves but leaf like flattened stems called phyllodes.

*Acacia pravissima* has pendulous branches and triangular shaped phyllodes.

*Acacia pycnantha* is the floral emblem of Australia. It has fragrant fluffy golden flowers.

Southern Australian Acacias is one of the 9 Collections held within the Colac Botanic Gardens.

The aim of the collection is to show diversity within the genus, to show which perform well in local growing conditions and to demonstrate diversity of growth form, flowering display and timing.

Acacia is one of Australia's iconic genera, with over 750 species across the country. They are very well adapted to our varied climate and growing conditions, including adaptations for species regeneration after fire.

Selected Acacia species have great horticultural potential for the home hardener and are easy to grow.

**In 2015 we celebrated the  
150th Anniversary of the Gardens  
with the publication of the book  
"For the Pleasure of the People"**



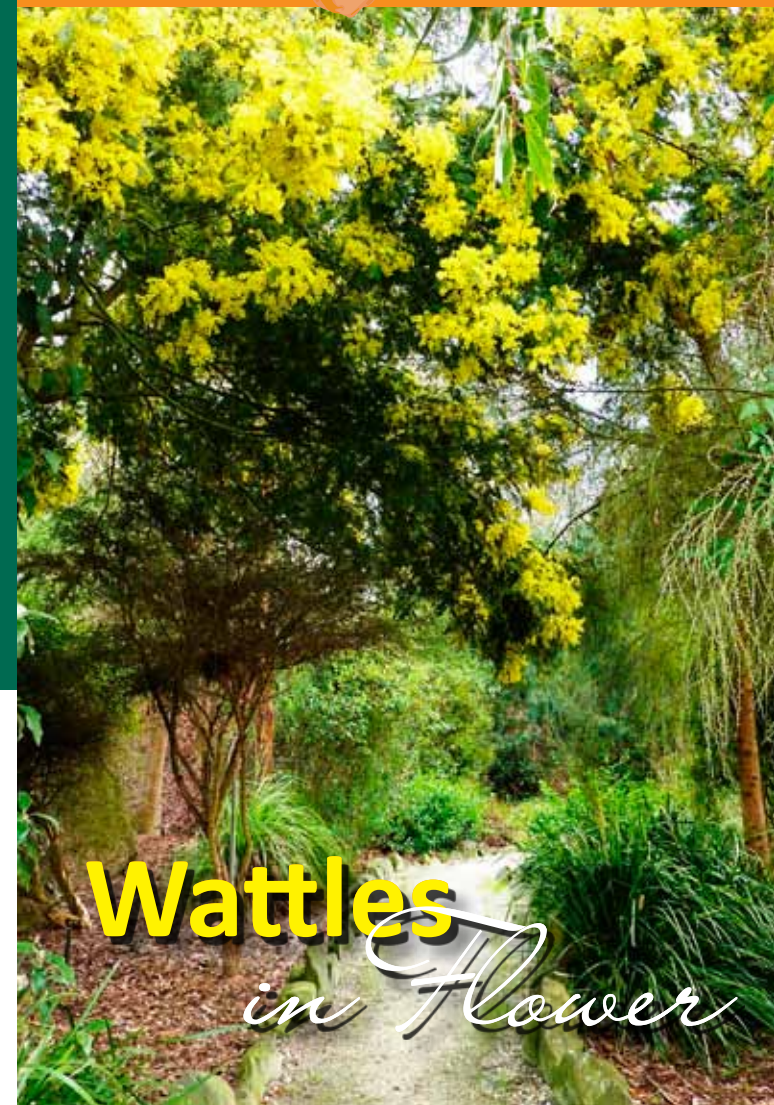
*Quercus robur* - English Oak

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**Wattles**  
*in Flower*

# Acacia Flowering Times

Species	Location (see map)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Acacia in flower
A. acinacea	Bank d													4
A. baileyana	Bank q, s Bed ZZ													3
A. cardiophylla	Bank d, q													2
A. cognata	Bank d													1
A. cognata 'Lime Magic'	Bed Z													1
A. cultiformis	Bed ZZ													1
A. dealbata	Bank RF													2
A. decurrens	Bank d													7
A. elata	Bank d, i													24
A. falciformis	Bed Z													28
A. floribunda	Bed N													28
A. glaucoptera	Bed OT													28
A. howittii	Bank d													14
A. implexa	Bed W													6
A. iteaphylla	Bed C, DD													
A. leprosa 'Scarlet Blaze'	Bank d, BT													
A. longifolia	Bed HL													
A. mucronata	Bed RF, Bank d													
A. mearnsii	Bed RF, F, Bank d													
A. melanoxylon	Bed HL, RF, TB													
A. myrtifolia	Bed TB													
A. paradoxa	Bank s													
A. pendula	Bank d													
A. podalyrifolia	Bank d													
A. pravissima	Bed BT, TB, RF													
A. pycnantha	Bank i													
A. provincialis	Bed BT, HL, RF													
A. saligna	Bank i													
A. sophorae	Bed BT, Bank d													
A. stricta	Bed HL, RF													
A. suaveolens	Bed HL													
A. verniciflua	Bed RF, BT													
A. verticillata	Bed HL, RF													
Total Acacia in flower														6

“There are no more picturesque trees than some of the Acacias, and they are very hardy. Acacia Elata grows to a large size, and will stand any amount of exposure, the A. decurrens variety Mollis is a strong grower and very beautiful. Acacias of various kinds should be planted in other parts of the garden, some of the dwarfer kinds indeed would help to furnish several of the larger groups as indicated by numbers on plan. The acacia growing singly in the grass is always a beautiful object. A fringe of acacias, yet irregularly placed, at the bottom of the pine slope would be desirable, ...”

**by MR. W. R. GUILFOYLE, Director of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens & State Government Botanist.**

*From the Report on the Remodelling and Development of the Colac Botanical Gardens, April 1910*

**Location key:**

- AA** Garden Beds (upper case)
- a** Lawns/Banks (lower case)
- Sensory Gardens
- Significant Trees

