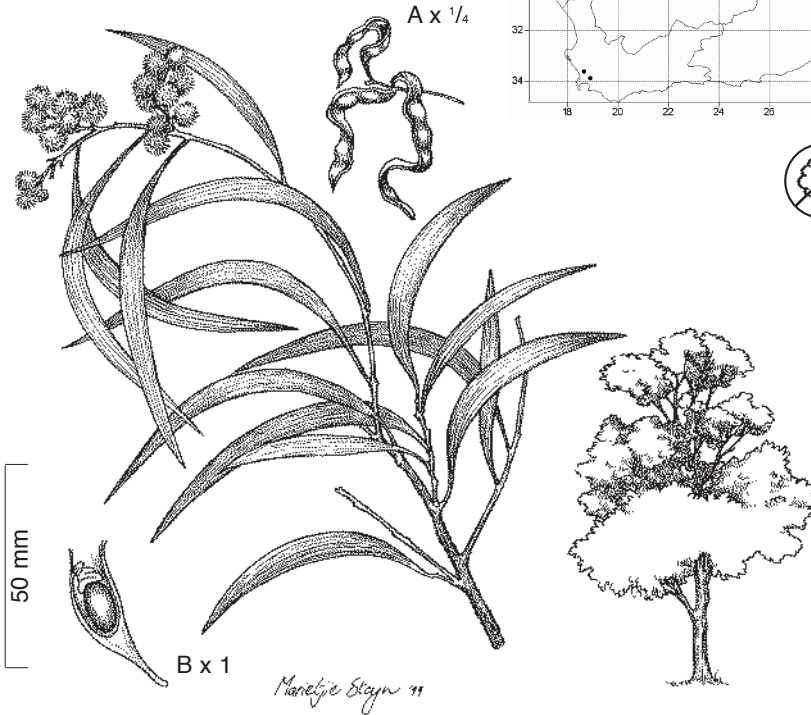
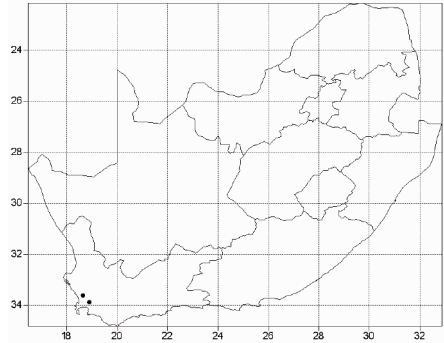


Acacia implexa Benth.

hickory or screw-pod wattle

Family Fabaceae

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Description: Small tree 3–15 m high, often suckering; resembles *A. melanoxylon* (compare leaves, flowering time, pods and seeds). **Leaves:** Phyllodes, greyish-green, descending, usually sickle-shaped, (more drooping, narrowed at the base and thinner than in *A. melanoxylon*), with several prominent longitudinal veins and fine net-veins between. **Flowers:** Pale yellow globular flowerheads in short racemes, December–March. **Fruits:** Pale brown pods (**A**), long and narrow (up to 250 mm long and 4–7 mm wide), \pm straight when young, becoming strongly curved and twisted after dehiscence, constricted between seeds; seed (**B**) with a fleshy white seed stalk folded at one end but not encircling it. **Cultivated for:** Ornament, shade. **Invades:** Fynbos, watercourses. **Origin:** E Australia. **Invasive status:** Potential transformer. **Declared weed.**



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