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*Acacia crassicarpa*

[Synonyms : *Racosperma crassicaipum*]

**NORTHERN TERRITORY WATTLE** is an evergreen shrub. Native to Australia it has yellow flowers.

It is also known as Papuan red wattle.

*Crassicarpa* is made up of Latin *crassi-* (thick) and Greek *carpo-* (fruit) components.

The shrub is believed to have been introduced to Britain in 1824.

At the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Asian and Pacific countries have been experiencing considerable political and economic pressure to maintain their forests. This wattle particularly (with one other, *Acacia mangium*) is playing an important role in plantation forestry throughout that region. The ability of wattles generally to tolerate poor soil, together with their rapid growth, makes them desirable plants for the rehabilitation of grassland and offers a viable alternative to destroying natural forest for tree products.