

***Acacia auriculiformis*** earleaf acacia



**Appearance:** Evergreen, unarmed tree to 15 m (50 ft) tall, with compact spread, often multi-stemmed; young growth glaucous.

**Leaves:** Alternate, simple, reduced to flattened blade-like phyllodes slightly curved, 11-20 cm (5-8 in) long, with 3-7 main parallel veins and a marginal gland near the base; surfaces dark green.

**Flowers:** Loose, yellow-orange spikes at leaf axils or in clusters of spikes at stem tips; flowers mimosa-like, with numerous free stamens.

**Fruit:** Flat, oblong pod, twisted at maturity, splitting to reveal flat black seeds attached by orange, string-like arils.

**Ecological threat:**

Has invaded pinelands, scrub, and hammocks in south Florida, displaces native vegetation, and threatens to shade out rare plants. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** SW, SE

**Field Notations**

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