

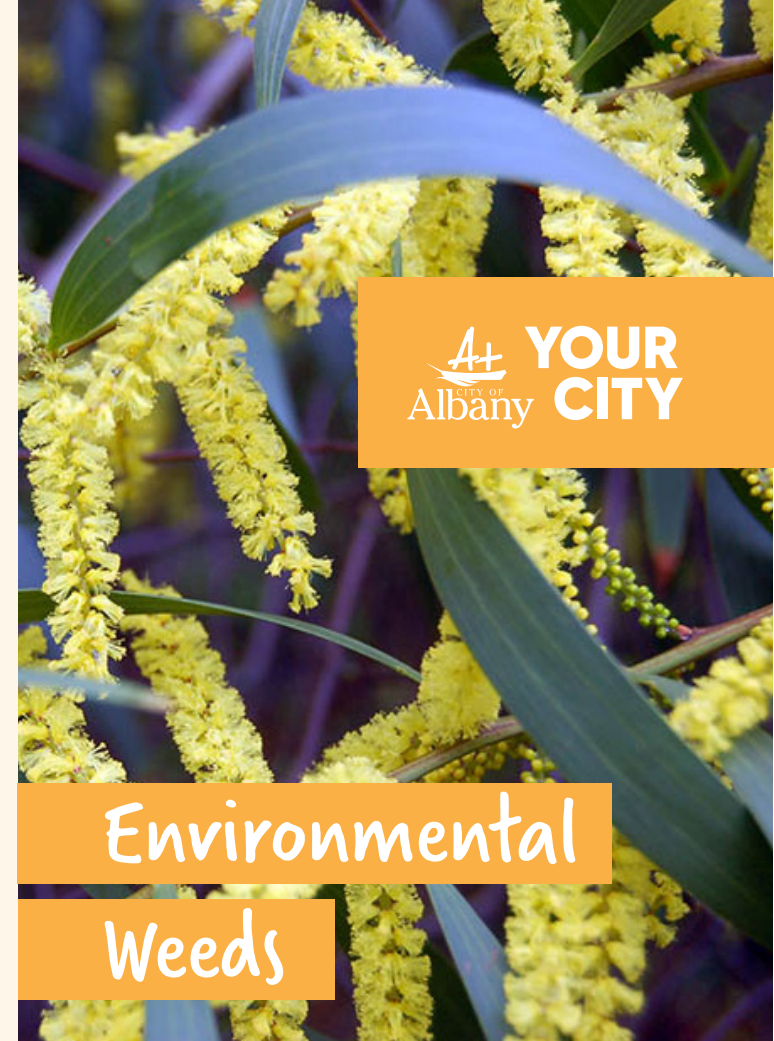
What can you do to help?

1. Do not pull out or cut down any bushland plant unless you are sure that it is a weed.
2. Use this guide to correctly identify if the plant is Sydney Golden Wattle.
3. If unsure, ask! Make sure your efforts make a difference.
4. Join a local Friends group to help tackle weeds together.



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 **YOUR CITY**

Environmental

Weeds

How to identify Sydney Golden Wattle

A guide for local residents wanting to help protect Albany's biodiversity

There are many opportunities for you to contribute to protecting our valuable natural environment.

To find out how you can be involved, email bushcare@albany.wa.gov.au, or call the Natural Reserves Team on 0439 928 582.

The City of Albany respectfully acknowledges the Menang Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the city conducts its business, and pays respect to Elders past and present.

PROTECTING ALBANY'S BIODIVERSITY

The amazing bushland of the Albany region is currently subjected to many threats, both from humans and the natural environment. Some of these threats include:

- Clearing for development
- Illegal clearing
- Illegal rubbish dumping
- Phytophthora Dieback
- Environmental weeds

Sydney Golden Wattle is native to the eastern states, but is one of Albany's most invasive environmental weeds.

Due to its rapid growth rate and numerous seedlings, once it gets a foothold into an area it takes over.

Invasive weeds are a significant problem because they are extremely difficult to control, and they:

- Out compete local native species
- Degrade the habitats used by native animals
- Change the structure of the local bushland
- Affect the visual amenity of the region

HOW TO TELL IF ITS A WEEDY WATTLE

Sydney Golden Wattle is extremely hard to eradicate, and is squeezing out WA indigenous wattle species. Here's how to tell them apart.

Sydney Golden Wattle *Acacia longifolia*



- Long, barrel shaped flowers
- Bright yellow, flowering July to September
- Long leaves, 3-5 veins, not raised, running from base to tip
- Seed pods are long, straight and narrow

ALBANY LOCAL NATIVE WATTLES

There are local native wattles that look similar to Sydney Golden Wattle. Here's the key features of two Albany local species.

Red Stemmed Wattle *Acacia myrtifolia*



- Round flowers, light yellow
- Leaves have 1 raised vein
- Seed pods curved and crinkled

Coastal Wattle *Acacia cyclops*



- Round flowers, bright yellow
- Leaves have rounded tip, with 3 veins
- Seed pods wide, flat and curved