

**Genus:** *Acacia*  
**Species:** *redolens*  
**Cultivar:**  
**Family:** Fabaceae

**Common Name:** *Parrottree, Red Parrottree*

**Origin:** Australia



Stanford

**Kind of Plant:** Groundcover

**Seasonal Habit:** Evergreen

**Growth Habit:** Prostrate, spreading

**Height:** Variable 1 to 6 ft

**Width:** Variable to 15 ft

**Light Needs:** Sun

**Water Needs:** Drought Tolerant - performs well with no irrigation after first 2 years.

**Special Identifying Features**

**Leaves:** Narrow, gray green, leathery 3" long, phyllodes (Flattened stems, not true leaves. True leaves are bi-pinnately compound, feathery, occur sporadically).

**Bark/Twig:**

**Flowers:** 1/2" yellow puff balls bloom 4 to 6 weeks in spring

**Fruit:**

**Disease(s):**

(Refer to Disease and Pest Control chart for treatments.)

**Pest(s):**

**Special Points:**

Takes drought and heat, seacoast conditions, wind. Takes sprinkler irrigation but short-lived with frequent watering. Good under blue gum trees. Good bank cover for erosion control. Desert Carpet' is a low growing cultivar 2' high to 12' wide.

**Campus Location:**

1) Mayfield Divider (in Faculty/Staff housing), 2) West Campus Drive just north of Santa Teresa Street, east side