

What's Blooming?

October

Earleaf Acacia
Acacia auriculiformis

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Acacia auriculiformis

Common Name: Earleaf Acacia

Origin: Northern Australia;
Indonesia; New Guinea

Minimum Temperature: 20°F

Growth Rate: Fast

Typical Height: 40 ft.

Drought Tolerance: High

Salt Tolerance: High

Soil Requirements: Wide

Nutritional Requirements: Low

Flower Characteristics: Showy

Plant Type: Evergreen tree

Major Problems: Thorn bugs

Environmental Problems: Listed
as a category 1 invasive plant by
Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council
([FLEPPC](#))





Leaves: Simple, alternate, flattened petioles called phyllodes, banana-shaped to 8 inches long



Flowers: Spike, yellow drooping, in loose clusters at leaf axils or at stem ends



Fruits: Brown, coiled, and twisted like an ear, to 4 inches long

Introduced to Florida as an ornamental tree before 1932.
Now common in disturbed areas, but also has invaded
pinelands, scrubs, and hammocks in south Florida.
Displacing native vegetation and threatening to shade out
rare plants.

Not recommended for gardens or landscapes.

Phenology:

- Blooms from September into December.
- Intense Blooming Days (IBD): Unknown

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- Lawn and Garden Homepage
<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/GardenHome.shtml>
- Library of Native Plants Fact Sheets & Video Clips
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