

Acacia caffra

Flowers November to January with occasional extensions to March.

The scent differs from Acacia karroo in being not so sickly - is sharper to the nose but nonetheless attractive.

The fine thorns are not readily visible. The softness of the foliage can lead one into grabbing at branches only to be well pricked.

The tree is very common along the Buffalo River at King William's Town often growing at the water's edge.

In the veld, Acacia karroo often grows among Acacia caffra, the two making an interesting contrast.

30.10.1959. Coming into flower at Dei Bridge on the Komga-Transkei border, at Bashee Bridge between Idutywa and Umtata, and in the Umzimkhulu valley on the Natal border of Transkei.

21.11.1959. Coming into good flower at King William's Town

July 1960. Trees mostly bare but some have straggly leaves adhering.

August 1960. Bare

September 1960. Began shooting on trees along rivers. Early in the month. But leaves began bursting from their buds on trees in dry veld on about the 15th of the month despite lack of rain to stimulate spring growth

October 27th 1960. First flowers appearing.