

## PRACTICALITIES

# HABITAT RECONSTRUCTION

**I**F you are considering saltland rehabilitation in the South Coast region or the Southern Wheatbelt (roughly, Manypeaks - Katanning - Esperance), you might like to consider including *Acacia redolens*.

Found naturally in the Ravensthorpe area, it forms a dense, spreading, dome-shaped shrub, attractive and sweet-smelling when in flower. It prefers heavier soils, and will do well from the barley grass line upwards.

Its dense growth habit suppresses weeds, and both flowers and seeds will be useful to native fauna, however, it is as a nesting site that it may have its greatest value. Kingsley Vaux of Ongerup has noted that, by 5 years after planting, Blue Wrens were nesting successfully in the bushes.



*Acacia redolens* at Gnowangerup LCDC saline land rehabilitation demonstration site, planted 1986.