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Acacias of Australia

Acacia brachypoda Maslin



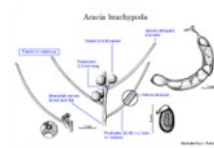
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Acacia brachypoda occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Restricted to the area between Brookton and the headwaters of the Darkin R., south-western W.A.

Description

Shrub to 2 m high, **dense**, slightly aromatic. New shoots, inflorescences and pods **resinous**. **Branchlets** with broad flat yellow or green **longitudinal** bands between narrower brownish **resinous** ribs at extremities, **glabrous**. Phyllodes **patent** to **erect, straight** to shallowly **incurved, terete** to flat and **linear**, 2–5 cm long, 0.7–1.4 mm wide, obliquely **truncate** and excentrically **mucronulate**, green, **glabrous**, obscurely 4-nerved, 1-nerved per face when flat; nerves **impressed**, sometimes **resinous**; **gland** obscure, c. 0.5 mm above **pulvinus** on a slight angle. Inflorescences **simple**, 2 per **axil**, sometimes comprising 2-headed **rudimentary** racemes with **axes** to 1 mm long; peduncles 2–3 (–5) mm long, **appressed-puberulous**; basal **bract** yellow; heads **globular**, 8- or 9-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals c. 3/4-united, with lobes **triangular**; petals 1-nerved. Pods **curved** and/or **undulate** to irregularly **circinnate**, 7–8 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous-crustaceous**, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong** to **oblong-ovate**, 4 mm long; **aril** thick.

Habitat

Grows in low-lying, seasonal swampy areas in sandy clay or loam in open scrub (near Darkin R.) or on low, sandy loam rises in open woodland adjacent to slightly saline flats (near Brookton).

Specimens

W.A.: Darkin Swamp, *J.S.Beard* 8130 (PERTH); between Beverley and Brookton, *B.R.Maslin* 6342 (AD, BRI, CANB, G, K, MEL, MO, NSW, NY, Z).

Notes

Distinguished from other members of the '*A. wilhelmiana* group' by its very short peduncles and few-flowered heads.

FOA Reference

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