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Acacias of Australia

Acacia cerastes Maslin



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Acacia cerastes occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known only from Mount Gibson and Ninghan Stns, W.A.

Description

Much-branched intricate **glabrous shrub** to 1.5 m high. **Branchlets tortuous, terete, striate**, green or brown. Phyllodes **rudimentary**, reduced to minute **continuous terete** horn-like projections to 1 mm long, usually **recurved**, with nerves not evident or very obscure on either side of the **gland**, terminated adaxially by a prominent **oblique gland**; **mucre** 0.5-1 mm long, **rigid** and **subulate** but not **pungent**. Inflorescences **rudimentary** 1-headed racemes with **axes** < 0.5 mm long and brown bracts **persistent** at base; peduncles 1-4 mm long; heads **globular**, 30-flowered, golden; bracteoles dark brown, slightly **exserted** in buds. Flowers pre-dominantly **5-merous**; sepals free or partially united, **linear** to **linear-spathulate**, sometimes unequal. **Pod** valves (dehiscent) **linear**, \pm constricted between seeds and obviously **rounded** over them, to 4.5 cm long, 3-4 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**. Seeds not seen.

Habitat

It occurs on rocky hills.

Specimens

W.A.: Mount Gibson, E of Perenjori, Nov. 1952, *C.A.Gardner s.n.* (MEL, PERTH); Warrdegga Hill, Ninghan Stn, c. 20 km SW of Paynes Find, *S.Patrick 1111* (PERTH).

Notes

Related to *A. daviesioides* and superficially resembling *A. restiacea*.

FOA Reference

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