**Common Name**  
Pin-bush, Spine Bush, Wait-a-while

**Family**  
Fabaceae

**Distribution**  
Widespread throughout southern Australia from near Geraldton, W.A., E through S.A. and NW Vic. to N.S.W. where it occurs S and W of the Byrock-Nyngan area and is dubiously recorded for Dubbo area.
Description

Shrub or tree 0.5–3 m high, rigid, diffuse to dense. Branchlets glabrous or sparsely appressed-puberulous and glabrescent, scarred where phyllodes have fallen. Phyllodes sessile, inserted on distinct yellow stem-projections, patent to ascending, straight to ± curved, ± terete, (1–) 1.5–3 (–4) cm long, 1–1.5 mm diam., subulate, pungent, rigid, glabrous, with 8 strongly raised lighter coloured nerves and raised stomata; gland 0–2 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences simple, 2 per axil; peduncles 1.5–5 mm long, glabrous; basal bracts cucullate, ± semicircular; heads subglobular, often widely ellipsoid, 3–5 mm long, 3–4.5 mm diam., 12–24-flowered; bracteoles peltate. Flowers mostly 5-merous; sepals free. Pods linear, constricted between seeds, 1- or 2-coiled, to 7 cm long, 3–5 mm wide, thin-coriaceous, ± reticulate, glabrous. Seeds longitudinal, oval to ovate, 3.5–4 mm long, shiny, black; aril nearly enveloping seed, orange or yellow.

Habitat

Grows in a variety of soils, mainly in mallee scrub or open woodland.

Specimens


Notes

This species provides a safe nesting habitat for birds.

Closely related to *A. nyssophylla*. Phyllodes superficially similar to those of *A. asepala*. Also superficially similar to *A. atrax* of N.S.W, *A. subsessilis* of W.A. and *A. enterocarpa* of S.A. and Vic.

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