**Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens** R.S.Cowan & Maslin

**Family**

Fabaceae

**Distribution**

Occurs predominantly in inland parts of the Pilbara, W.A. between the Gascoyne and De Grey Rivers, extending to the coast and islands about Dampier. Cultivated in north-western W.A.

**Description**

*Tree*, rarely a *shrub*, 3–10 m high, with gracefully *pendulous* branchlets and foliage. Phyllodes *linear*, shallowly to strongly *recurved* or sometimes shallowly *serpentinous*, (13–) 15–23 (–30) cm long, 1–4 mm wide, green, grey-green or silvery green. Peduncles 3–8 (–10) mm long. Pods 6–13 mm wide, obviously *curved*, twisted and/or openly *coiled* (sometimes into a circle) before *dehiscence*, often irregularly so.

**Habitat**

Grows along inland water-courses in fringing woodland and on stable coastal dunes.

**Specimens**

W.A.: 41.5 km W of Gascoyne Junction on the road to Carnarvon, B.R.Maslin 5002 (PERTH); West Lewis Is., Dampier Archipelago, R.D.Royce 7422 (PERTH).

**Notes**

Subspecies *pendens* is grown for ornamental purposes in NW Western Australia. Indigenous people of the west Pilbara used *A. coriacea* for making spears and shields. Ash produced from the wood was used with native tobacco (*Nicotiana* species) as a chewing quid.

**FOA Reference**


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