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Acacias of Australia

Acacia cuspidifolia Maslin



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Acacia cuspidifolia occurrence map.
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Common Name

Wait-a-while, Bohemia

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Extending from Minilya Stn E to near Mundiwindi and S to near Ballythanna Hill and near Meekatharra, W.A.

Description

Bushy **shrub** or ±gnarled **tree** 3–7 m high. **Branchlets** **glabrous** or subglabrous. **Stipules** **spinose**, absent from some nodes, shallowly **recurved**, 2–4 mm long. Phyllodes mostly **narrowly oblong-ob lanceolate** to **linear**, (2–) 3–6 (–7.5) cm long, 2–5 mm wide, narrowed at base, **pungent**, **glabrous** to subglabrous; **midrib** prominent; **lateral** nerves obscure; **gland** 0–5 mm above **pulvinus**, with an additional **gland** often at base of **culp**. Inflorescences **simple**, (1) 2 per **axil**, initiated synchronously with phyllodes on new shoots; peduncles 15–20 mm long, **glabrous** or **hirtellous**; heads **globular**, 23–32-flowered, pale yellow. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free to 1/2-united. Pods **narrowly oblong**, to 9 cm long, 1–2 cm wide, **chartaceous**, finely transversely **reticulate**, **glabrous**. Seeds transverse to **oblique**, widely **elliptic** to widely **ovate**, 6–7.5 mm long, dull, brown, **exarillate**; **funicle** strap-like.

Phenology

Flowers mainly Oct.–Dec. but sometimes in other months.

Habitat

Favours open floodplain areas in clay or loam.

Specimens

W.A.: c. 5 km S of Yaringa on North West Coastal Hwy, *A.M.Ashby 4491* (CANB, K, MEL, PERTH); 33 km along road from Mundiwindi to Mount Newman, *H.Demarz 617* (PERTH); Byro Stn, 10 km W of Ballythanna Hill on the track to North West Coastal Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 5167* (PERTH).

Notes

Perhaps most closely allied to *A. pickardii* but distinguished from this species, and from other members of the '*A. victoriae* group', by its pungent, flat phyllodes.

FOA Reference

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