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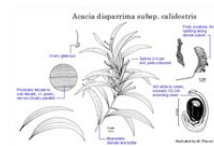
Acacia disparrima subsp. *calidestris* M.W.McDonald & Maslin



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Acacia disparrima subsp. *calidestris* occurrence map.
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Common Name

Dry-land Salwood

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in NE Qld primarily on the Einasleigh Uplands from the Mt Carbine–Mt Molloy region S to Hervey Ra., W of Townsville. Also occurs in coastal areas N of Cooktown in the Cape Melville–Bathurst Bay region including Stanley Is., with a southern outlier near Cranbourne Stn.

Description

Branchlets sometimes +/- **pendulous**, slender and brittle (snapping with a clean fracture). Phyllodes **falcate** to subfalcate, often long-tapered at apex, 8–14 cm long, 0.7–2 (–2.5) cm wide, green to pale grey-green or slightly subglauous, commonly +/- milky green when dry, minor nerves (4–) 5–7 per mm. Spikes 2–4 per **axil**. **Funicle/aril** normally to encircling the seed (rarely 2–5-folded as in subsp. *disparrima*), white (tinged grey) to cream, ageing pale yellow.

Phenology

Flowers March–June.

Habitat

Usually found along seasonally dry creeks, diffuse drainage lines or run-on sites along roadsides in rocky, low, hilly or undulating terrain.

Specimens

Qld: Mt Mulligan, c. 2 km S of Mine Site along pipeline leading to falls on Richards Ck, *J.R.Clarkson* 5253 (BRI, CANB, DNA, K, MEL, NSW, PERTH, QRS); Hervey Ra., c. 50 km W of Townsville, *M.W.McDonald & B.R.Maslin* BRM 7627 (BRI, CANB, DNA, K, MEL, NSW, NY, PERTH).

Notes

On Stanley Is. near Bathurst Head, subsp. *calidestris* grows in heath on exposed sandstone headlands where its maximum height is 1.5 m tall. By contrast the tallest plants of the subspecies occur in the Forty Mile Scrub region, SW of Mount Garnet, where some plants may be up to 12 m tall with the trunks slightly fluted at their base.

FOA Reference

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