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Acacias of Australia

Acacia ferocior Maiden



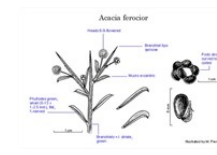
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Acacia ferocior occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Extending from near Wagin to S of the Stirling Ra. at Kamballup, E to near the Oldfield R., c. 56 km ENE of Ravensthorpe, south-western W.A.

Description

Rigid semi-prostrate to erect compact or spreading shrub, to 0.7 m high and 2 m diam. Branchlets short, straight, patent to erect, \pm striate, spinescent, green, glabrous or hirtellous. Phyllodes linear to asymmetrically oblanceolate, 5–13 mm long, 1–2.5 mm wide, excentrically mucronulate at the often rounded sometimes uncinat apex, green, glabrous or hirtellous, 1-nerved; lateral nerves few, obscure and trending longitudinally; gland inconspicuous, 1–2 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences rudimentary 1-headed racemes with axes < 0.5 mm long; peduncles 4–7 (–9) mm long, slender, glabrous; basal bracts brown; heads globular, 2.5–3 mm diam., 6–9-flowered, lemon yellow or golden; bracteoles usually absent. Flowers 5-merous; calyx united, often \pm truncate. Pods strongly arcuate to coiled, c. 1 cm long (unexpanded), with valves c. 3 mm wide, firmly chartaceous, glabrous. Seeds longitudinal, ovate, c. 3 mm long, semi-shiny, black; aril linear-clavate.

Habitat

Grows in rocky or sandy clay, sandy loam or loam in mallee scrub.

Specimens

W.A.: near Lake Wagin, 1890, *M.Cronin s.n.* (NSW); Stirling Ra., Red Gum Pass, *B.R.Maslin 4007* (PERTH); 17.6 km SE of Jerramungup, *K.Newbey 1300* (PERTH); 38.5 km E of Albany towards Jerramungup, *S.Paust 506* (PERTH); 56 km ENE of Ravensthorpe, *J.Taylor 757 et al.* (PERTH).

Notes

Similar to *A. pulviniformis* which forms dense, intricate mats and has obscurely ribbed to ribless branchlets and semi-terete to compressed, narrower phyllodes. Superficially similar to *A. spinescens* (S.A., Vic.) which usually has \pm sessile flower-heads and conspicuous bracteoles. Phyllodes of some forms resemble *A. imparilis*.

FOA Reference

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