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Acacias of Australia

Acacia flexifolia A.Cunn. ex Benth.



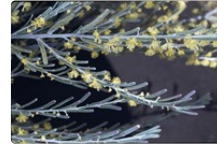
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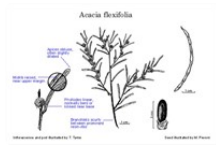
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Acacia flexifolia occurrence map.
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Common Name

Bent-leaf Wattle, Small Winter Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Scattered on the inland slopes of the Great Divide and adjacent plains from near Miles, Qld, S through N.S.W. to Wedderburn, Vic.

Description

Rather bushy spreading **shrub** normally to 1.5 m high. **Branchlets appressed-puberulous** and **scurfy** between the prominently raised resin-ribs. Phyllodes **ascending to erect, linear** to narrowly **linear**, normally kinked or bent upwards at a few mm above the base, 1–2.5 cm long, 0.7–2.5 mm wide, often slightly dilated at apex, **obtuse**, dull green to grey-green, **glabrous**, sometimes **glutinous**; **midrib** markedly raised, very close to **adaxial** margin and often **contiguous** with it towards apex. Inflorescences **simple**, mostly 2 per **axil**; peduncles (1–) 2–4 mm long, hoary, **resinous**; basal **bract persistent**; heads **globular**, 3–10-flowered, pale yellow or lemon yellow, **resinous**. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals united. Pods narrowly **linear, straight to curved**, to 10 cm long, 2–3 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, brown, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal, oblong-elliptic**, 4–5 mm long, shiny, brown; **aril** terminal.

Habitat

Grows in shallow soil in open forest or mallee scrub.

Specimens

Qld: 16–24 km N of Miles, *V.Hando 141* (BRI). N.S.W.: 4.8 km W of West Wyalong on Midwestern Hwy, 14 June 1967, *M.Tindale & J.Lanyon s.n.* (NSW, PERTH). Vic.: Central Whipstick scrub near Bendigo, 27 Dec. 1953, *W.Perry s.n.* (MEL).

Notes

Related to *A. lineata* which differs especially in its obscure branchlet ribs which are not coated with a thick layer of resin, 10–16-flowered heads on peduncles 5–10 mm long, and phyllodes which are never \pm kinked near their base and which possess scarcely raised (yet clearly excentric) midribs.

FOA Reference

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