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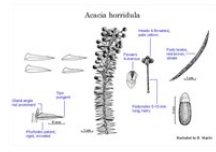
Acacia horridula Meisn.



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Acacia horridula occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in south-western W.A. in the Darling Ra. from the Helena Valley S to the Serpentine R., and also recorded from the adjacent coastal plain at Maddington.

Description

Shrub to c. 0.6 m high. Branchlets normally red-brown to light brown, puberulous with antrorse to \pm patent hairs. Stipules setaceous to narrowly triangular, 2.5–4 mm long. Phyllodes often crowded, patent, narrowly semi-trullate with a prominent gland-angle on adaxial margin near base, 6–8 mm long, 1.5–2.5 mm wide, acuminate, pungent, with slender, c. 1 mm long cusp, rigid, green, glabrous; midrib prominent, central; lateral nerves absent. Inflorescences simple, 1 per axil; peduncles 5–10 mm long, puberulous; heads globular, 4-flowered, pale yellow. Flowers 4-merous; sepals united. Pods terete, narrowed at both ends, curved, to 7.5 cm long and 3.5 mm wide, red-brown, striate, subglabrous. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 4–5 mm long; aril terminal, conical.

Habitat

In the Darling Ra. it grows on rocky hillsides in *Eucalyptus* woodland.

Specimens

W.A.: Serpentine, B.R.Maslin 4175 (PERTH); Maddington, 6 Aug. 1904, A.Morrison s.n. (K, PERTH); Helena Valley, end [of] Moola Rd, J.Seabrook 13 (PERTH).

Notes

The description of *A. horridula* in G.Bentham, *Fl. Austral.* 2: 350 (1864) is a mixture of *A. horridula* (Preiss 1151), *A. pycnocephala* (Preiss 965) and *A. semitrullata* (Drummond s.n. and Oldfield s.n.). These species together with *A. hastulata*, *A. inops* and *A. uliginosa* comprise the '*A. horridula* group', fide B.R.Maslin, *Nuytsia* 2: 270 (1978). *Acacia neorigida*, *A. phaeocalyx* and *A. plautella* appear to have fairly close relationships to this group.

FOA Reference

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