Acacia littorea Maslin

Family
Fabaceae

Distribution
Coastal areas from near Busselton E to Bremer Bay, and on Rottnest Is., south-western W.A.

Description
Dense shrub 1–2 m high. Branchlets prominently ribbed, glabrous. Stipules caducous. Phyllodes rather crowded, ascending, obtriangular to obdeltate with a prominent gland-bearing angle on adaxial margin above the middle, sometimes asymmetrically trapeziform with 2 gland-bearing angles, with adaxial proximal margin ± contiguous with branchlet, ±obliquely truncate, 7–17 mm long, 5–15 mm wide, l:w = 1–2, sometimes larger, pungent, glabrous; midrib near lower margin. Inflorescences extremely reduced 1- (3- or 4-) headed racemes with axes to c. 0.5 mm long; peduncles 6–12 mm long, glabrous; heads globular, 8–15-flowered, pale yellow. Flowers 4-merous; sepals united to near apex, with lobes broadly triangular. Pods linear, curved, to 6 cm long, 2.5–3.5 mm wide, crustaceous, blackish, glabrous or subglabrous; margins thick, yellowish. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 2.5–3 mm long, shiny, brown; aril scarcely clavate.

Phenology
Flowers Aug.–Dec.

Habitat
Grows on coastal dunes in deep sand, commonly in heath; often locally abundant.

Specimens
W.A.: Bald Head, King George Sound, Albany, Dec. 1801, R.Brown (BM, K—no. 4310); Rottnest Is., Parker Point area, F.G.Smith 2384 (PERTH); Bremer Bay, P.G.Wilson 4307 (AD, E, K, L, MEL, PERTH); Cape Leeuwin, P.G.Wilson 10235 (K, MEL, NSW, PERTH).

Notes

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