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Acacias of Australia

Acacia pharangites Maslin



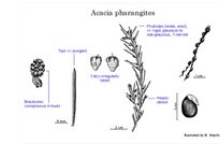
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Acacia pharangites occurrence map.
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Common Name

Wongan Gully Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Restricted to the Wongan Hills, south-western W.A.

Description

Somewhat spindly shrub 3 (-4) m high. Branchlets pruinose towards extremities, glabrous, scarred by raised stem-projections where phyllodes have fallen. Phyllodes erect, straight to shallowly curved, terete, 1.5-4 (-5) cm long, c. 1 mm diam., ±pungent by a distinct mucro, ±rigid, glaucous to subglaucous, glabrous, smooth (finely longitudinally wrinkled when dry), 7-nerved. Inflorescences 1- (or 2-) headed racemes; raceme axes c. 0.5 mm long; peduncles ±10 mm long, glabrous; basal bract caducous, prominent; heads obloid, 7-10 mm long, c. 25-flowered, golden; bracteoles conspicuously overtopping flower buds. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 1/4-1/2-united, irregularly lobed. Pods linear, strongly raised over seeds on alternating sides, to 7 cm long, ±4 mm wide, thinly coriaceous, moderately pruinose, glabrous. Seeds longitudinal, elliptic, 3-4 mm long, glossy, black; aril yellowish.

Habitat

Grows mostly in gullies in red-brown clay in mixed scrub.

Specimens

W.A.: type locality, *R.Coveny 7847 & B.R.Maslin* (CANB, K, MEL, NSW, PERTH, UC, US).

Notes

Relationships uncertain; superficially similar to *A. tetanophylla* which has non-racemose inflorescences, globular heads and much smaller bracteoles, see B.R.Maslin, *Nuytsia* 4: 34 (1982), for further discussion.

Conservation

Gazetted a rare species in W.A.

FOA Reference

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