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Acacias of Australia

Acacia pickardii Tindale



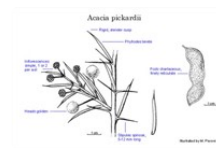
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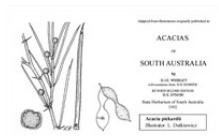
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Acacia pickardii occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Common Name

Birds Nest Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known only from Mt Gason Bore on the Birdsville Track and c. 100 km N of Mt Gason in north-eastern S.A., and from the Andado Str–O'Neill Point area in south-eastern N.T., c. 400 km NW of Mt Gason.

Description

Bushy **shrub** or **tree** 3–5 (–7) m high, spreading by suckering. **Branchlets glabrous** or subglabrous, **scurfy**. **Stipules spinose**, (3–) 5–12 mm long, spreading. **Phyllodes ±sessile, ±erect, terete** or rarely flat, (1–) 1.5–6.5 (–7) cm long, 1–2 (–2.5) mm wide, **pungent**, with slender **cusps**, **rigid**, minutely **hirtellous**, **glabrous**, often **scurfy**, obscurely 4-nerved; **gland** ±basal, discoidal, to 0.7 mm diam., with a smaller **gland** at base of **cusps**. **Inflorescences simple**, 1 or 2 per **axil**; peduncles 1–2.5 cm long, minutely **hirtellous**; heads **globular**, 35–40-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free ('united' in protologue). Pods **narrowly oblong**, to 4 cm long, 6–10 (–14) mm wide, **chartaceous**, finely and openly obliquely **reticulate**, light brown, **glabrous**. Seeds (very immature) seemingly transverse with a **filiform, straight funicle**.

Habitat

Grows on gibber-covered sandplains and in stony sand over clay on low residual mesas and adjacent flats, in association with *Atriplex* and *Sclerolaena* spp.

Specimens

N.T.: Andado Stn, *P.K.Latz 6790* (PERTH). S.A.: Mt Gason Bore, *F.Badman 317* (AD).

Notes

Perhaps most closely related to *A. cuspidifolia* but distinguished from this species, and other members of the 'A. victoriae group', by its pungent, terete phyllodes. Superficially similar to *A. atrox*.

Conservation

Conservation status 'poorly known' in J.Briggs & J.Leigh, *Rare Threatened Austral. Pl.* 96 (1995).

FOA Reference

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