

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

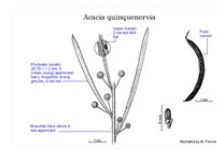
### *Acacia quinquenervia* Maslin



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Acacia quinquenervia occurrence map.  
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#### Family

Fabaceae

#### Distribution

Occurs in scattered localities from near Nyabing NNE (c. 60 km due ENE of Katanning) to Peak Charles Natl Park (c. 100 km SSW of Norseman), south-western W.A.

#### Description

**Shrub** 0.2–1.5 m high. **Branchlets** usually densely **pubescent** with the hairs subappressed. Phyllodes narrowly **linear**, flat to almost **terete**, usually 2–7 cm long and 1–2 mm wide, **acute** to subacute, excentrically **mucronate**, **innocuous** to coarsely **pungent**, green to **glaucous**, frequently drying greyish, with **indumentum** as on **branchlets** but hairs sparse or absent with age (young phyllodes rarely **glabrous**), 5-nerved in all, 1-nerved per face when flat, with the 2-nerved upper margin of flat phyllodes c. 0.5 mm wide; **gland** 5–15 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences **rudimentary**, 2-branched racemes with **axes** to 0.5 mm long; peduncles 3–15 mm long, **glabrous**; heads **globular**, 3.5–4 mm diam., 15–20-flowered, light golden; bracteoles few or absent. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free. Pods **linear**, biconvex,  $\pm$ shallowly **curved**, to 5.5 cm long, 1.5–3 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous-crustaceous**, **glabrous** to moderately **puberulous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 2.5–3 mm long, **mottled**; **aril** terminal, conical.

#### Habitat

Grows in moderate to well-drained loam, sandy loam or clay loam, in low eucalypt woodland or open shrub mallee, on plains and alluvial flats.

#### Specimens

W.A.: 14 km from Ravensthorpe towards Lake King, *B.R.Maslin 2575* (K, PERTH); c. 40 km NE of Lake King, *K.R.Newbey 5457* (AD, BRI, CANB, G, MO, PERTH); 23 km SW of Peak Charles, *K.R.Newbey 6466* (CANB, PERTH); 34 km SW of 90 Mile Tank, Frank Hann Natl Park, Norseman–Lake King road, *K.Newbey 6507* (CANB, MEL, PERTH).

#### Notes

Plants from Frank Hann Natl Park–Bremer Ra. area are 0.2–0.5 m high, but elsewhere commonly 0.5–1.5 m. A glabrous variant with short phyllodes (15 mm long) occurs near Nyabing (e.g. *B.R.Maslin 793*, K, MEL, PERTH). Phyllodes on young regrowth (flowering) specimens may reach 5–7 mm wide.

Allied to *A. poliochroa* which has 4-nerved, generally shorter phyllodes, strongly curved to once-coiled pods and smaller, non-mottled seeds. Superficially similar to *A. mutabilis* subsp. *angustifolia*.

#### FOA Reference

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