

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia semiaurea Maiden & Blakely

Family

Fabaceae

Description

Salient features of the syntypes are as follows: New shoots with **dense, appressed**, white to cream hairs. Phyllodes **oblanceolate**, 4.5–6 cm long, 13–16 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, 1-nerved per face, with **indumentum** of ±sparse, **appressed**, white hairs; **gland** not prominent, 6–18 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences 4–7-headed racemes; **raceme axes** 1.5–3 cm long, often growing out; heads **globular**.

Notes

Acacia semiaurea was treated under Doubtful Names by B.R.Maslin, *Fl. Australia* 11B: 444 (2001). The very few specimens seen which appear to match the types are of cultivated, or presumed cultivated, origin. Some of these possess pods which show the seeds to be half-encircled by dark reddish funicles. It is suggested by M.C.O'Leary, *J. Adelaide Bot. Gard.* 21: 99 (2007) that *A. semiaurea* may possibly be a hybrid involving *A. argyrophylla* and *A. dictyocarpa* (which was referred to as the appressed hairy variant of *A. brachybotrya* in that publication). The suggestion by B.R.Maslin, *Fl. Australia* 11A: 359 (2001) and in *WATTLE Acacias of Australia* CD-ROM (2001), that *A. retinodes* might be involved in this hybridity was incorrect.

Other specimens examined: Bot. Garden Adelaide, *Anonymous* 23 (MEL615111); Grass plt. on Schmitz [?] property opposite Monkey House, *Anonymous* 15 (MEL103740); without details except 'No. 19. Plant' (MEL103741).

FOA Reference

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