

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia subtessarogona Tindale & Maslin



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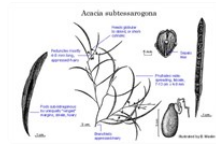
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Acacia subtessarogona occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in the extreme west of W.A. between 23°S and 25°S latitude with an outlier near Wiluna, W.A.

Description

Tree to 8 m tall. Branchlets ribbed, densely appressed-pubescent between ribs. Phyllodes narrowly elliptic, 7–13 cm long, (3–) 4–9 mm wide, longitudinally striate with appressed hairs between ribs; midrib occasionally more prominent. Inflorescences 1–5 in axils; peduncles 4–8 (–12) mm long; heads capitate to shortly spicate, 6–12 mm long. Flowers 5-merous; sepals extremely narrow, c. 1 mm long, free, pubescent with pale yellow hairs; corolla c. 2 mm long; stamens c. 2.5 mm long; ovary with dense minute scale-like hairs. Pods not stipitate, flat, straight, depressed tetragonous in section, to 12 cm long, c. 7 mm wide, 2–3 mm thick, coriaceous, grey, hoary, with irregular somewhat anastomosing ribs, dehiscent. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 5–6.5 mm long, 3–3.5 mm wide; aril small, obliquely terminal, pileate, fawn.

Habitat

Commonly occurring on red loamy soil in low-lying areas often with *Acacia sclerosperma* and *A. tetragonophylla* or less frequently on rocky ground with *A. ancistrocarpa*.

Specimens

W.A.: 'Winning Pool' Stn, 53 km S of Barradale on North West Coastal Hwy, B.R.Maslin 2768 (BRI, PERTH).

Notes

Although compared with *A. brachystachya* in the protologue, and having phyllodes and flowers that resemble some of the *A. aneura* complex of species, it is readily distinguished by its unusual pods. Perhaps some affinity with *A. atopa*.

FOA Reference

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