

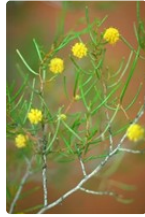
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Acacias of Australia

Acacia abrupta Maiden & Blakely



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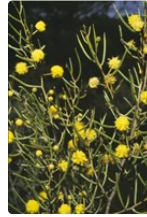
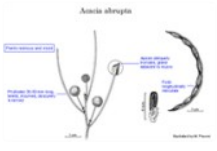


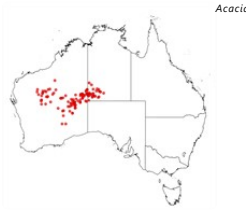
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abrupta occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in the arid zone from near Newman, W.A., to near Lake Amadeus, N.T.

Description

Glabrous resinous viscid shrub 1–2 m high. Bark light grey. Phyllodes **ascending** to **erect, incurved, terete**, infrequently subquadrangular, 2–9 cm long but commonly 3–5 cm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, obliquely **truncate**, excentrically **mucronulate**, dark green, obscurely 4-nerved; **gland** 0–2 mm above **pulvinus**, **oblong** to **elliptic** and 0.5–1 mm long, with a smaller circular **gland** at base of **mucro**. Inflorescences **simple** and 1 per **axil** or 1-headed racemes with **axes** 2–4 mm long; peduncles 8–12 mm long; basal **bract** present (on racemes) or absent (on non-racemose inflorescences); heads **globular**, 25–35-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals 1/4–1/2-united, sometimes splitting to base upon dissection. Pods **linear**, shallowly constricted between seeds, **arcuate**, biconvex, to 5 cm long, 2.5–3 mm wide, longitudinally **reticulate**. Seeds **longitudinal**, 4 mm long; **aril** conspicuous.

Habitat

Grows on sand plains or lateritic hills with spinifex.

Specimens

W.A.: 12.9 km N of Kumarina, Great Northern Hwy, *M.E.Ballingall 1836* (BRI, PERTH); Warburton Region, *P.E.Conrick 903* (DNA, PERTH). N.T.: 17 km E Docker R., Petermann Ra., *T.S.Henshall 2810* (PERTH); 8 km W of Armstrong Ck, *J.R.Maconochie 1839* (AD, NSW, PERTH).

Notes

A member of the '*A. wilhelmiana* group' and related to *A. ascendens*. Sometimes confused with *A. helmsiana* which also occurs in the arid zone.

FOA Reference

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