

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia aculeatissima J.F.Macbr.



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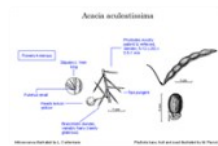
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Acacia aculeatissima occurrence map.
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Common Name

Thin-leaf Wattle, Snake Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in south-eastern Australia from the lower Grampians, Vic., to near Eden, N.S.W. Sometimes locally abundant.

Description

Diffuse shrub, prostrate to 0.5 m high, rarely taller. Branchlets slender, finely ribbed, variably hairy, rarely glabrous. Stipules c. 1 mm long. Phyllodes mostly patent to reflexed, slender, terete to subterete, ±quadangular when dry, 5–12 (–20) mm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, pungent with a slender, c. 1 mm long cusp, rigid, obscurely 4-nerved, variably muriculate on nerves, usually glabrous; pulvinus asymmetric. Inflorescences simple, 1–3 per axil; peduncles 5–13 mm long, slender, glabrous; basal bract c. 1 mm long; heads globular, sometimes obloid, 15–25 (–30)-flowered, pale or lemon yellow to yellow. Flowers 4-merous; sepals dissected to near base. Pods linear, biconvex, straight to shallowly arcuate, to 6 cm long, (2–) 3–4 mm wide, firmly chartaceous, glabrous or subglabrous. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 3.5–4 mm long; aril terminal.

Habitat

Often grows in rocky areas, in Eucalyptus woodland or forest or closed heath.

Specimens

N.S.W.: Narrabarba, 24 km N of Vic. border, 7 Oct. 1954, *E.F.Constable s.n.* (NSW). Vic.: Grampians, *A.C.Beauglehole 16445* (MEL); 'Bald Hill', 5 km S of Bobinawarrah East Primary School, c. 20 km due W of Myrtleford, *B.R.Maslin 5968* (MEL, PERTH); Lind Natl Park, *E.F.Constable 5389* (NSW, PERTH).

Notes

Plants with either hairy or glabrous phyllodes occur in the Grampians, Vic.; hairy phyllode variants are rare elsewhere. Apparently related to *A. genistifolia*. May be confused with *A. brownii* which has flowers 5-merous and phyllodes not reflexed. The phyllodes resemble those of *A. acuraria* (W.A.) which has 5-merous flowers, conspicuous bracteoles and strongly curved to once-coiled pods. (BRM) Minor edits by BRM

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