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Acacias of Australia

Acacia amputata Maslin



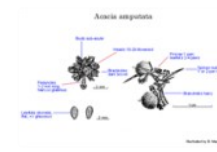
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Acacia amputata occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs from Brookton and Narrogin E to Frank Hann Natl Park and SE to near Boxwood Hill, south-western W.A.

Description

Much-branched subshrub 0.3–0.6 m high. Branches often pink-brown. Branchlets spinose to subspinose, strigulose to puberulous. Axillary spines numerous, 1 or 2 per node, 4–10 mm long. Leaves small; petiole > 0.5 mm long; pinnae 1 pair, 1–2 mm long; pinnules 2–4 pairs, obovate to oblong-obovate, 1–2.5 mm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, glaucous to subglaucous, ±glabrous; gland within axil of pinnae, stipitate, to 0.5 mm long. Inflorescences rudimentary 1-headed racemes with axes c. 0.5 mm long; peduncles 1–2 mm long, strigulose to puberulous or occasionally glabrous; heads globular, 10–20-flowered, light golden; bracteoles acute to short-acuminate, dark brown; buds subacute. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 1/2–2/3-united, 5-nerved; petals obviously 1-nerved. Pods undulate to circinnate, to 15 mm long, 4–5 mm wide, thinly crustaceous, glabrous. Seeds transverse to oblique, broadly elliptic, c. 2 mm long, brown mottled black.

Habitat

Grows in sometimes gravelly loam, sandy loam and sand, in tall eucalypt shrubland and open shrubland.

Specimens

W.A.: 51.5 km S of Jerramungup, *L.Bousfield* 4 (PERTH); 1.6 km S of Narrogin towards Wagin, *B.R.Maslin* 660 (B, CANB, MEL, NSW, NY, PERTH); 39 km W of Ravensthorpe towards Jerramungup, *B.R.Maslin* 3469 (PERTH); 5 km NW of Ongerup, *K.Newbey* 3736 (CANB, MEL, NSW, NY, PERTH); 28 km S of Tadpole Lake, c. 63 km ENE of Lake King, *K.Newbey* 5532 (MEL, PERTH).

Notes

Most readily distinguished from *A. pulchella* by its shorter pods, mottled seeds and usually shorter peduncles with fewer-flowered heads (but see *A. pulchella* var. *pulchella* Variant 1). Vegetatively similar to *A. pulchella* var. *glaberrima* (variant 4) but readily distinguished by hairy branchlets; possible hybrids occur between these taxa near Lake Grace (e.g. *K.Newbey* 9485-1, MELU, PERTH).

FOA Reference

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