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## *Acacias of Australia*

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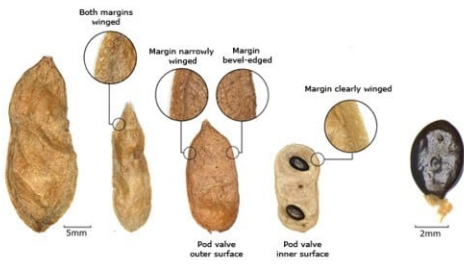
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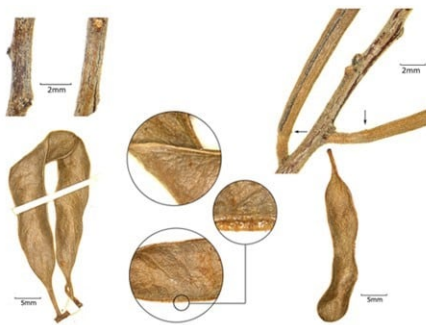
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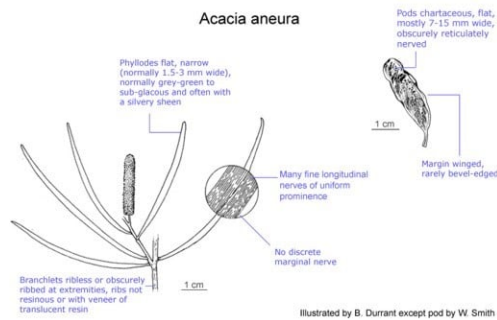
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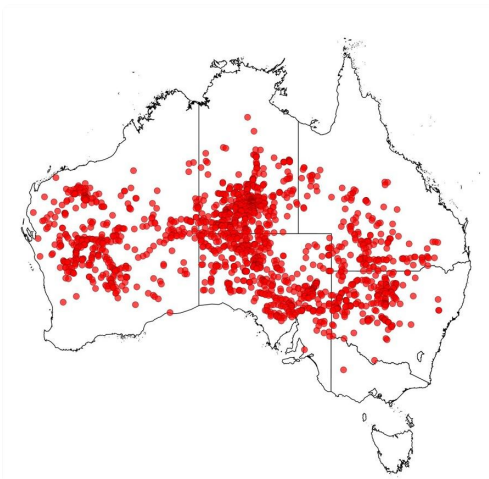
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Acacia aneura occurrence map.

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

## Common Name

Mulga

Family



Fabaceae

## Distribution

Widespread in all mainland States except Vic.

## Description

**Shrub** or **tree** 2.5–7 (–10 m) high, often multistemmed with bushy crowns, rarely with a conifer or pseudo-conifer growth form. **Branchlets** obscurely ribbed or ribless, ribs not **resinous** or with a normally thin layer of translucent resin; new shoots **resinous**, with a **dense** layer of dark-coloured glandular hairlets. Phyllodes narrowly **linear** to **linear-elliptic**, mostly shallowly **incurved**, not **rigid**, flat, 4–12 (–18) cm long, (1–) 1.5–3 (–4) mm wide, 2–3 cm long and clustered in groups of 2 or 3 on juvenile plants, **glabrous** or obscurely **appressed-hairy** between nerves, normally grey-green to **sub-glaucous** and often with a silvery sheen, **longitudinal** nerves numerous and very fine, margins not **resinous**; **gland** 0–1 (–3) mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences mostly **simple**; peduncles 4–10 (–15) mm long, sparsely to ±densely **sericeous** with commonly some red-brown glandular hairlets; spikes (10–) 15–30 (–40) mm long. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free,  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$  length of petals, normally **linear-spathulate**. Pods mostly **straight**-edged, flat, (1–) 1.5–4 cm long, (6–) 7–15 mm wide including the **wing** 0.4–1 (–2) mm wide, **chartaceous** to firmly **chartaceous**, normally brown to grey-brown, **glabrous** or sparsely **appressed puberulous**, obscurely **reticulate**; margins winged or rarely bevel-edged, often shiny-**resinous**. Seeds transverse to **oblique**, 3.5–5 mm long, 2.5–3 (–3.5) mm wide, **elliptic** to **oblong** or **ovate**; **aril** small **aril**, whitish or cream.

## Habitat

Recorded from a wide range of habitats.

## Specimens

W.A.: 80 km SSW of Kintore, Mu Hills, *P.K.Latz* 20893 (NT, PERTH); Hamersley Ra., Juna Downs Stn, Flat Rocks, along Hamersley Iron access road to Yandi ore deposit, *B.R.Maslin* 8064 (CANB, PERTH); 22.5 km E of Leonora on rd to Laverton, *B.R.Maslin, J.Miller & J.E.Reid* BRM 9352 (PERTH). N.T.: N.T.: 15 miles [24 km] N of Alice Springs, *D.J.Nelson* 2232 & 2233 (BRI *n.v.*, DNA *n.v.*). S.A.: Yappala Ra., 8 km NW of Hawker, *D.E.Murfet* 4397 (AD). Qld: near 'Buckingham Downs', c. 50 km S of Dajarra, *L.Pedley* 5296 (BRI *n.v.*). N.S.W.: 8 km NE of Louth, *L.Pedley* 4706 (A *n.v.*, BRI *n.v.*, IL *n.v.*, L *n.v.*, MEXU *n.v.*, MO *n.v.*, PERTH).

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