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Acacias of Australia

Acacia ashbyae Maslin



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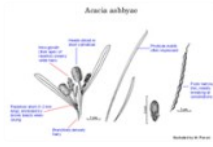
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Acacia ashbyae occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs from near Nerren Nerren Stn N of the Murchison R. S to Naraling and near Mullewa, and in the Coorow–Winchester area, south-western W.A.

Description

Dense shrub 1.5–2 m high, densely **tomtose** to **appressed-pubescent** with hairs especially obvious on new shoots and peduncles. Phyllodes narrowly **linear** to **narrowly oblong-oblongeolate**, sometimes subterete, 2–9 cm long, 1–4 mm wide, excentrically **mucronulate** to **rostellate**, grey-green, ageing green and **±glabrous**; **midrib** often **impressed** when dry; **lateral nerves** absent or obscure; **gland** 10–20 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences 1- or 2-headed racemes, enclosed when young by **scarious** brown bracts which may persist to **anthesis**; **raceme axes** 1–2 mm long, frequently growing out at **anthesis**; peduncles (5–) 7–11 mm long; heads **obloid** to shortly **cylindrical**, 26–31-flowered, golden; bracteoles slightly **exserted** in buds. Flowers 5 **merous**; sepals 3/4–5/6-united. Pods **±submoniliform**, to c. 3.5 cm long, 2–3.5 mm wide, thinly **crustaceous**, breaking readily at slight constrictions between seeds. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 3–4 mm long, slightly shiny, brown; **aril** terminal.

Habitat

Grows in red or light brown loam or sandy loam in scrub.

Specimens

W.A.: 8.8 km E of Winchester, *C.Chapman s.n.* (AD, BRI, CANB, K, MEL, NY, PERTH00151084); 16 km N of Mullewa, *J.Goodwin 142* (PERTH); 17 km from Yuna towards Nabawa, *B.R.Maslin 3353* (E, MEL, NSW, NY, PERTH); 14.5 km N of Murchison R. on North West Coastal Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 3645* (CANB, PERTH).

Notes

Probably related to *A. nigripilosa*.

The Coorow–Winchester plants often have longer, narrower phyllodes than those further north, i.e. c. 5–9 cm long and 1–2 mm wide compared with c. 2–5 cm long and 1.5–4 mm wide.

FOA Reference

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