

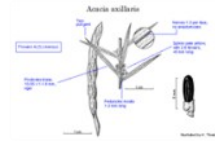
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Acacias of Australia

Acacia axillaris Benth.



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Acacia axillaris occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Confined to Tas. and known only from a few restricted localities in open forests and woodlands between Campbell Town, Avoca and Lake Leake particularly near the Elizabeth R.

Description

Shrub 2–4 m high, **erect** or spreading, much-branched. **Stipules persistent**, small, less than 1.2 mm long. Phyllodes **linear**, flat, 1–5.5 (–7) cm long, 1–1.8 mm wide, with **pungent**-pointed apex, often thick, **rigid**; nerves commonly 3 to each face, with one prominent or, if phyllodes **acicular** or angular, then with 4 prominent nerves and sometimes faint nerves between them; **gland** obscure or absent; **pulvinus** absent or very short. Inflorescences with peduncles 1.5–2 (–4) mm long; spikes reduced to solitary or rarely paired clusters of 2–6 flowers less than 6 mm long; bracteoles **navicular**, c. 1 mm long, 0.6 mm wide. Flowers 4-**merous** or rarely 3-merous; sepals united. Pods subcylindrical, slightly **moniliform**, 2–8 cm long, 2–3.5 mm wide. Seeds **elliptic** or **cylindrical**, 4–4.5 mm long; **funicle** folded once or twice; **aril** prominent.

Phenology

Flowers Sept.–Oct. and fruits Feb.

Specimens

Tas.: Royal Gorge, banks of St Pauls R., date and coll. unknown (HO); St Pauls R., near China Cup Hill, *A.Moscal 811* (MEL); 10.9 km E of Campbell Town along Lake Leake Hwy to Swansea, *F.E.Davies 902A & P.Ollerenshaw* (MEL).

Notes

Distinguished from *A. verticillata* by its often longer phyllodes which are never whorled and its flowers in shortly pedunculate clusters, and from *A. riceana*, its closest relative, by its shorter spikes (which appear as globular heads) on shorter peduncles.

FOA Reference

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