

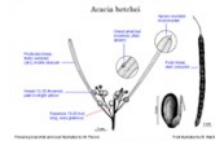
WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia betchei Maiden & Blakely



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Acacia betchei occurrence map.
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Common Name

Red-tip Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Tablelands of the Great Divide from Torrington, north-eastern N.S.W., to Dalveen, south-eastern Qld.

Description

Shrubs to 4 m high, or sometimes trees to 5 m. Branchlets slender, dark reddish, glabrous. Phyllodes narrowly linear, straight to shallowly incurved, (4-) 6-10 (-14) cm long, 2-3 mm wide, rounded-mucronulate with \pm central mucro, thin, finely wrinkled when dry, glabrous; midrib obscure; gland often absent, variably positioned but commonly near middle of phyllode, small but exserted. Inflorescences 5-15-headed racemes, sometimes in terminal panicles; raceme axes 1.5-5 cm long, slender, glabrous; heads globular, 12-28-flowered, pale to bright yellow; peduncles slender, (2-) 3-8 (-11) mm long, stouter and to 11 mm long in fruit. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united but ultimately splitting and spatulate. Pods linear to narrowly oblong, to 14 cm long, 5-7 mm wide, coriaceous to thinly crustaceous, dark brown to blackish, glabrous, dehiscing unilaterally; stipe 6-7.5 mm long. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 5.5-6.5 mm long, somewhat shiny, black; aril clavate, as long as seed.

Habitat

Grows in forest communities in sand derived from granite.

Specimens

Qld: 17.5 km N of Stanthorpe on New England Hwy near Cotton Vale, M.E.Ballingall 2292 (NSW, PERTH); Mt Norman, c. 8 km NE of Wallangarra, D.Hockings s.n. (BRI113089). N.S.W.: 1 km N of Torrington on the Silent Grove road, K.Thurtell & R.Coveny 3911 (A n.v., AD n.v., BRI, K n.v., L n.v., NSW, PERTH, RSA n.v., US n.v.).

Notes

Similar to *A. adunca* which has \pm uncinate phyllodes with the glands only slightly exserted, flowers somewhat larger (fide L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 1: 288, 1980) and normally less numerous in the heads, and broader pods. Also resembling *A. floydii* and *A. macnuttiana*.

FOA Reference

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