

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia blaxellii Maslin



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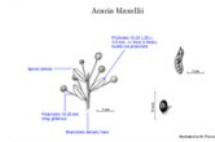
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Acacia blaxellii occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Common Name

Blaxell's Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Largely confined to an area between Frank Hann Natl Park (c. 160 km SW of Norseman) N to McDermid Rock (c. 100 km W of Norseman), except for one collection from near Hyden, c. 150 km W and one from near Norseman, c. 90 km due E, W.A.

Description

Spreading ±dense shrub 0.3–1.2 m high. Branchlets tomentulose to densely puberulous (hairs patent to ±appressed). Phyllodes on raised stem-projections, ascending to erect, narrowly oblong to oblong-elliptic, straight, 1–2 (–2.5) cm long, 3–5 mm wide, l:w = (3–) 4–6, obtuse, inconspicuously mucronulate, ±thick and fleshy, glabrous except pulvinus densely puberulous to tomentulose; midrib not prominent; lateral nerves absent or obscure; gland basal, obscure. Inflorescences rudimentary 2-headed racemes with axes < 0.5 mm long; peduncles 7–22 mm long, glabrous; heads globular, 3.5–4.5 mm diam., 17–31-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-merous; sepals free, sometimes absent. Pods variably undulate to circinnate or irregularly sigmoid, to 2 cm long, 3.5–4 mm wide, thinly coriaceous, glabrous. Seeds longitudinal to oblique, broadly elliptic, c. 2 mm long, glossy, black; hilum sublateral; aril linear-clavate, 2/3–3/4 length of seed, white.

Habitat

Grows in red-brown clay in flatland or in loam on low rocky hill-country, in shrub mallee or eucalypt woodland.

Specimens

W.A.: between Bremer Ra. and the Lake King–Kumarl road, *B.R.Maslin* 5431 (G, MO, PERTH); 25 km ESE of Tadpole Lake, Frank Hann Natl Park, *K.Newbey* 5537 (AD, NY, PERTH); 4.8 km E of Graham Rock turn-off on the Hyden–Newdegate road, *M.H.Simmons* 1327 (PERTH).

Notes

Similar to *A. evenulosa* which has minutely hairy branchlets, generally larger phyllodes with the gland 1–4 mm above the base; and *A. saxatilis* which has glabrous branchlets, generally larger phyllodes with the gland 1–2 mm above the base.

FOA Reference

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