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Acacias of Australia

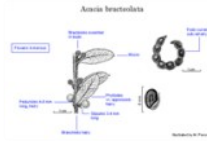
Acacia bracteolata Maslin



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Acacia bracteolata occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Confined to an area from Pine Hill at the N end of Cape Arid Natl Park W to 50 km beyond Grass Patch (Grass Patch is c. 70 km N of Esperance), W.A.

Description

Spreading shrub to 0.6 m high. Branchlets villous to tomentulose. Stipules 3–4 mm long, scarios. Phyllodes asymmetrically narrowly elliptic to oblanceolate, (13–) 15–25 (–30) mm long, (4–) 5–10 mm wide, obtuse, with \pm excentric normally slightly pungent mucro, coriaceous, \pm appressed-puberulous (at least when young); midrib inconspicuous; lateral nerves indistinct; gland inconspicuous, 2.5–5 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences rudimentary, normally 2-headed racemes with axes less than 0.5 mm long, sometimes growing out following anthesis; peduncles 4–6 (–9) mm long, hairy, commonly recurved in fruit; basal bract 2–3 mm long; heads globular to slightly obloid, 4.5–5.5 mm diam., 19–25-flowered, lemon yellow; bracteoles acuminate, brown, exserted in buds. Flowers 4-merous; sepals 2/3–3/4-united. Pods arcuate, to 6 cm long, 5–7 mm wide, firmly chartaceous, minutely subvelvety. Seeds longitudinal, oblong-elliptic, c. 4 mm long, dull, black; aril sublateral, clavate, cream.

Habitat

Grows in sand over clay or calcareous (infrequently granitic) loam, in mallee woodland or shrubland, sometimes near salt lakes.

Specimens

W.A.: Pine Hill, A.S. George 16110 (PERTH); Parmango Rd adjacent to Clyde Hill, B.R. Maslin 5830 (CANB, PERTH); 50 km W of Grass Patch, K. Newbey 9683 (PERTH).

Notes

Acacia merrallii is similar in phyllode shape and size but differs significantly in having 5-merous flowers, free sepals, semi-terete, arcuate to \pm irregularly coiled, narrower pods and conspicuous, bright orange arils.

FOA Reference

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