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Acacias of Australia

Acacia catenulata subsp. *occidentalis* Maslin



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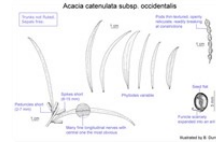
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Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Common Name

Western Bendee, Black Mulga

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Confined to the Pilbara region in north-western W.A. where it extends from the central Hamersley Ra. to Newman with disjunct occurrences on Balfour Downs Stn and Roy Hill Stn.

Description

Tree to 8 (–10) m high; trunk not fluted. New shoots not resinous, densely sericeous by silvery white or pale yellow hairs. Peduncles 2–7 mm long; spikes 8–15 mm long. Pods 4–6 (–8) mm wide.

Habitat

Occurs on hardpan flats or gently undulating terrain along diffuse watercourses or colluvial fans, sometimes extending to dry low rocky hills or ridges. Grows in (sometimes stony) shallow, red-brown sandy loam, clay-loam, deep red loamy duplex soils or self-mulching cracking clays in open to moderately closed low woodlands of *Eucalyptus victrix* and/or with Mulga ('*A. aneura* group' of species). Often forms dense populations.

Specimens

W.A.: 31 km E of Newman on rd to Port Hedland, *B.R.Maslin* 7234 (MEL, PERTH); Ethel Creek Stn, *B.R.Maslin* 8527 (PERTH); Balfour Downs Stn, *B.R.Maslin* 8536 (PERTH); Ore Body 24, Ophthalmia Ra., E end of Hamersley Ra., 20.9 km E of Mt Newman, 27.6 km W of Shovelanna Hill, 15 km NNW of Newman Airport, *S.vanLeeuwen* 3831 (CANB, PERTH).

Notes

May resemble *A. subcontorta* with which it is sometimes sympatric.

Perhaps conspecific with the typical subspecies which occurs in Qld and N.T.; however, subsp. *catenulata* seemingly grows to a taller plant and has deeply fluted trunks, *vide* L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 1: 145 (1978), and sometimes has resinous new shoots that are never yellow-hairy.

FOA Reference

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