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Acacias of Australia

Acacia costiniana Tindale



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Acacia costiniana occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Restricted to the Tinderry Mtns, south-eastern N.S.W.

Description

Weeping, multistemmed shrub 0.6–2.5 m high. Branchlets puberulous. Stipules 1–3 mm long. Phyllodes crowded, mostly ascending to erect, asymmetrically ovate to elliptic, 0.5–2 cm long, (3–) 5–11 mm wide, with unequal base, mostly ±undulate, acute- to obtuse-mucronate, coriaceous, with indumentum of fine ±sparse straight appressed hairs; midrib slightly excentric; lateral nerves obscure; gland not prominent, 0–1 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences simple or racemose; raceme axes 0.5–3 cm long; peduncles 1.5–10 mm long, puberulous; heads obloid to subglobular, to 6 mm long, 14–26-flowered, golden or rich lemon yellow. Flowers normally 5-merous; sepals 1/2-2/3-united. Pods narrowly oblong, to 5 cm long, 7–10–12 mm wide, thinly coriaceous, velvety with ferruginous to silvery-ferruginous hairs. Seeds transverse to oblique, ovate to oblong-elliptic, 4–6 mm long, somewhat shiny, black; aril clavate.

Habitat

Grows on usually granitic slopes or in sheltered gullies, sometimes in heath on edges of swamps, in *Eucalyptus* forest or woodland, at about 1200 m alt.

Specimens

N.S.W.: Tinderry Mtns, 9 km ESE of Michelago, L.G.Adams 2402 (NSW); Tinderry Mtns, 13.2 km by road ESE of Michelago, R.Coveny 6582 et al. (NSW, PERTH).

Notes

Allied to the more southerly distributed *A. lucasii* which has non-pendulous branchlets and normally larger, tomentulose phyllodes: see protologue of *A. costiniana* for further details. These two species share with *A. dorothaea* the unusual combination of characters of 1-nerved phyllodes and obloid flower-heads.

FOA Reference

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