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## *Acacias of Australia*

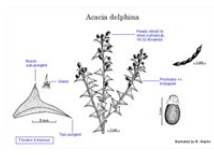
### *Acacia delphina* Maslin



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Acacia delphina occurrence map.  
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### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs in near-coastal areas from the Pallinup R. E to Israelite Bay, south-western W.A.

### Description

Shrub 0.5–1 m high. Bark grey. Branchlets puberulous or appressed-puberulous, glabrescent. Phyllodes rather crowded, inequilateral,  $\pm$ crescent-shaped and acuminate with a conspicuous triangular gland-bearing spur on adaxial margin, sometimes obdeltate, 7–16 mm long, 3–10 mm wide, pungent, glabrous; midrib central or near abaxial margin; gland on a conspicuous angle on upper margin of phyllode, overtopped by a spinule. Inflorescences simple, 1 per axil; peduncles 1–7 mm long, glabrous; heads obloid to short-cylindrical, densely 18–32-flowered, pale yellow or golden. Flowers 4-merous; sepals c. 1/4-united, with lobes  $\pm$ oblong. Pods  $\pm$ moniliform, straight or shallowly curved, to 4.5 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, firmly chartaceous, brown, glabrous or subglabrous. Seeds longitudinal, oblong to elliptic, 3–4 mm long, dull, brown; aril terminal, conical.

### Habitat

Grows on flats (rarely on slopes) in sand or loam, in low open woodland or tall shrubland.

### Specimens

W.A.: c. 7 km W of Israelite Bay, *A.S. George 16009* (PERTH); c. 1 km due S of Mt Maxwell, Fitzgerald R. Natl Park, *B.R. Maslin 3486* (AD, BRI, CANB, G, K, MEL, NSW, NY, PERTH); 25 km NW of Point Irby, *K. Newbey 4930* (PERTH).

### Notes

The taxonomic affinities of this species are unknown (*vide* B.R. Maslin, *Nuytsia* 2: 324 (1978)). It is unique within *Acacia* on account of the small, cusp-like mucro which overtops the gland. Other distinguishing characters are its obloid to short-cylindrical heads with 18–32 tetramerous flowers and  $\pm$ moniliform, firmly chartaceous pods.

### FOA Reference

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