

# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia dorsenna* Maslin



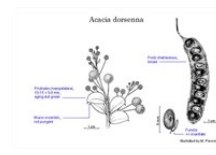
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Acacia dorsenna occurrence map.  
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### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Known only from two populations in a restricted area N of Norseman, W.A.

### Description

Dense domed **glabrous shrub** to c. 1.5 m high. Phyllodes inequilaterally **elliptic to obovate**, with markedly **convex adaxial margin**, 10–15 mm long, 5–9 mm wide, **rounded-mucronulate** with a  $\pm$ **lateral mucro**, subfleshy, smooth, subglaucous, ageing dull green; **midrib** and **lateral nerves** absent or obscure; marginal nerves brownish; **gland** small, 0.5–2 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences 7–10-headed racemes; **raceme axes** 1–2.5 cm long, enclosed when young by small bracts, often growing out with subsequent peduncles subtended by secondary phyllodes; peduncles 4–16 mm long, slender; heads **globular**, 15–21-flowered, bright mid-golden; bracteoles absent. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free. Pods (slightly immature) **narrowly oblong**, conspicuously **rounded** over seeds alternately on each side along the midline, to 6 cm long, 8–12 mm wide, firmly **chartaceous**, brown. Seeds (slightly immature) transverse, **oblong-elliptic**, to 4 mm long, scarcely arillate.

### Habitat

Grows in rocky red-brown sandy loam or clayey loam.

### Specimens

W.A.: c. 697 km from Perth on Norseman–Coolgardie road, *E.M.Canning* WA/68 2652 and 2662 (PERTH); near Norseman, c. 5 km along road to Kalgoorlie, *B.Maloney* 1/69 (PERTH); c. 25 km N of Norseman, *D.J.E.Whibley* 5455 (PERTH).

### Notes

A member of the '*A. prainii* group' and superficially might be mistaken for a large phyllode form of *A. camptoclada*, a species characterised by smaller, pungent phyllodes with the gland well above the pulvinus, shorter racemes and smaller, once- or twice-coiled pods. It resembles some forms of *A. merrallii* in phyllode shape and size but differs markedly in carpological features, its longer racemes and non-pungent phyllode.

### FOA Reference

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