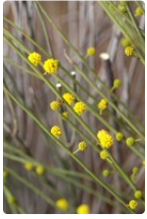


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## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia exocarpoides* W.Fitzg.



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Acacia exocarpoides occurrence map.  
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Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Discontinuous in the south-western arid zone, occurring near Meekatharra, in the Mt Gibson–Mullewa–Mt Magnet area, and the Rutters Soak–Rason Lake area of the Great Victoria Desert, W.A.

### Description

Fastigate **glabrous** shrub 2–3 m high. Ultimate **branchlets** ascending to **erect**, rather **straight** and sparingly divided, **terete**, finely **striate**, ash-grey with an often flaking **cuticle**, pale green when young, coarsely **spinose**. Phyllodes inconspicuous, sparse, **erect**, frequently shed (especially upon collection), **terete**, 8–18 mm long, 1 mm wide, narrowed at base, **acute**, scarcely **pungent**, 4-nerved. Inflorescences **rudimentary** normally 1-headed racemes with **axes** to c. 1 mm long; peduncles 5–10 mm long, often growing out at **anthesis**; heads **globular**, 28–35-flowered, golden; buds sometimes **obloid**. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals variably united from near the base to c. 1/2-united, the lobes **oblong** to **narrowly oblong**. Pods submoniliform, to 15 cm long, 5–7 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, dark brown. Seeds **longitudinal**, **ovate**, sometimes **oblong**, 4–6 mm long, shiny, dark brown to blackish; **aril** dull yellow, waxy, as long as seed.

### Habitat

Grows in rocky clayey loam, commonly in mulga (*A. aneura* group) communities.

### Specimens

W.A.: Meekatharra Airport, *A.M.Ashby* 4223 (BRI, CANB, PERTH); near Wurarga at Mullewa–Yalgoo Shire boundary, *A.M.Ashby* 5160 (BRI, MEL, NSW, PERTH); Mt Gibson, *D.G.Fell* 0226 (NSW, PERTH); 17 miles [27.2 km]E of Rutters Soak, *A.S.George* 4628 (PERTH); Great Victoria Desert, c. 34 km due SSE of SE end of Rason Lake, *B.R.Maslin* 5719 (PERTH).

### Notes

Superficially resembling *A. deficiens* and *A. microcalyx*, especially in its terete branchlets and few phyllodes. Also similar to *A. wilcoxii*.

### FOA Reference

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