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Acacias of Australia

Acacia flagelliformis Court



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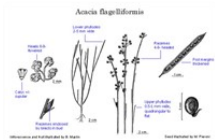
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Acacia flagelliformis occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs from Bunbury S to near Chapman Hill (20 km S of Busselton), and near Yarloop, c. 50 km NE of Bunbury, south-western W.A.

Description

Rush-like subshrub, **erect** or sometimes sprawling, often multistemmed, normally to c. 0.6 m high, **glabrous**. Stems slender, sparingly branched. Phyllodes resembling **branchlets/stems**, **distant**, **ascending** to **erect**, narrowly **linear**, **dimorphic** (on lower stems: flat, to 11 cm long, 2–5 mm wide; on upper stems: **quadrangular** to flat, 1.5–7 cm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, often subuncinate); **midrib** prominent; **gland** normally absent. Inflorescences 4–9-headed racemes, enclosed when young by conspicuous **imbricate** brown bracts; **raceme axes** mostly 4–20 mm long, slender; peduncles mostly 5–10 mm long, slender; heads **globular**, 6–9-flowered, light golden; bracteoles absent. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals united into a \pm **cupular calyx**, to 1/4 length of **corolla**; petals \pm nerveless. Pods **narrowly oblong**, to 5 cm long, 5–6 mm wide, **crustaceous**; margins thick. Seeds \pm **longitudinal**, c. 3.5 mm long, slightly shiny, brown; **aril clavate**.

Habitat

Grows in sand in swampy areas in closed scrub or closed heath, also along creeks in similar situations within Jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginata*)–Marri (*Corymbia calophylla*) forest.

Specimens

W.A.: c. 3 km W of Yarloop, *R.J.Cranfield 116* (CANB, PERTH); 1.6 km E of Nannup–Busselton road towards Tutunup, *B.R.Maslin 2817* (AD, BH, BRI, CANB, E, K, L, NSW, PERTH, SYD); 11 km SE of Chapman Hill, *G.S.McCutcheon 579* (PERTH).

Notes

Resembling *A. restiacea* in habit and by having the young racemes enclosed by conspicuous bracts, but differs with having more phyllodes, heads with less flowers and non-moniliform pods. Probably related to *A. squamata* which also has conspicuous inflorescence bracts. Sometimes confounded with *A. adjutrices*.

FOA Reference

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