

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia fuscanaura (large phyllode variant)

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known from a single gathering collected in 1941 from the "Lyons River" (N of Gascoyne Junction, but precise location not given).

Description

The collector described the plant as a tree 25 feet (8 m) tall with numerous horizontal branches; it therefore will have had a conifer or pseudo-conifer growth form. Branchlet ribs seemingly not resinous (possibly resin absent due to specimen preparation processes). New shoots not resinous, the youngest 1–3 phyllodes covered by dense layer of dark-coloured glandular hairlets which persist (but are more scattered) on expanding phyllodes. Phyllodes narrowly elliptic, 4.5–6 cm long, 7–12 mm wide, mostly straight, a few shallowly recurved. Pods narrowly oblong, very obscurely nerved, minutely appressed hairy, brown tinged purplish, margins rimmed or bevel-edged.

Specimens

W.A.: Lyons River, C.A. Gardner 6103 (PERTH)

Notes

The new shoot and pod characters clearly show this to be close to *A. fuscanaura* which differs most obviously in its narrower phyllodes (not above 6 mm wide).

This entity was not included in B.R.Maslin & J.E.Reid, *Nuytsia* 22: 129–267 (2012).

Further material of this distinctive variant is warranted.

FOA Reference

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This identification key and fact sheets are available as a mobile application:



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