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## *Acacias of Australia*

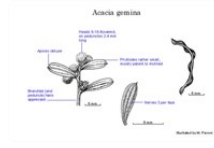
### *Acacia gemina* R.S.Cowan & Maslin



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Acacia gemina occurrence map.  
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#### Family

Fabaceae

#### Distribution

A poorly known species, occasional in the Boyagin Rock Reserve near Brookton and the Saddleback Timber Reserve near Boddington with two outlying populations, one near Narrogin, the other near Hyden, in south-western W.A.

#### Description

Spreading much-branched shrub 0.4–1. m high. Branchlets appressed-puberulous. Phyllodes patent to inclined, rarely slightly deflexed, narrowly oblong to oblong-oblongate or broadly elliptic, straight or recurved, 10–25 (–30) mm long, 3–4.5 (–6) mm wide, rounded-obluse and excentrically mucronulate, coriaceous, glabrous or appressed-puberulous on nerves, with 3 prominent distant nerves on each face; gland 1–3 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences simple, 1 or 2 per axil; peduncles 2–4 mm long, appressed-puberulous; basal bract caducous, cucullate, oblate, strongly 3-nerved; heads globular, 3–4 mm diam., 9–18-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-merous; sepals free. Pods linear, raised over and slightly constricted between seeds, strongly curved to openly once-coiled, to 5 cm long, 2 mm wide, firmly chartaceous or thin-crustaceous, nearly glabrous. Seeds longitudinal, ovate-elliptic, 2 mm long, dull, black; aril subapical.

#### Habitat

Grows in open heath dominated by *Dryandra carduacea* or in *Eucalyptus drummondii* low woodland in laterite-gravel.

#### Specimens

W.A.: near Narrogin, Mar. 1938, *W.E.Blackall s.n.* (PERTH); W margin of Boyagin Rock Reserve near entrance, *R.S. & R.A.Cowan A867* (MEL, NSW, PERTH); Worsley Mine Site, 10 km S of Boddington, *J.M.Koch JK148* (PERTH); 35 km E of Billericay [near Hyden], *K.Newbey 3236* (MEL, PERTH).

#### Notes

Nearest to *A. deflexa* which has patent hairs on its puberulous branchlets and peduncles, commonly deflexed phyllodes with the gland situated at the distal end of the pulvinus and nerveless basal peduncular bracts. Both species are probably a part of the '*A. sulcata* group', near *A. nitidula* and *A. dura* in particular.

#### FOA Reference

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