

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia grasbyi* Maiden



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Acacia grasbyi occurrence map.  
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### Common Name

Miniritchie, Red Witchetty

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs in arid W.A. principally in the Murchison and southern Carnarvon districts. The N.T., S.A. and eastern W.A. occurrences of this species in Fl. Australia 11B: 293 (2001) are now described as *A. doreta*. Grows on plains, granite mesas or undulating hills, in stony red sand or loam in *Acacia* scrub or shrubland.

### Description

**Shrub** or **tree** to 4 m high, 3–5 m wide, multistemmed or branching low to ground, flat-topped, **resinous**. Bark 'Minni Ritchi', red-brown. **Branchlets** very slightly angular towards apices, soon **terete**, orange, grey or light brown, **glabrous** or **puberulous** between orange ridges, often **papillose**. Phyllodes  $\pm$ **erect**, thickly **filiform**, often **curved** towards base, mostly **terete**, 3–10 cm long, 1–1.5 mm wide, coarsely **pungent**, **rigid**, finely multistriate; nerves 8–10 per mm; **gland** 1, small, basal, to 3 mm above **pulvinus**. Spikes 1.2–3 cm long, golden. Flowers 5-**merous** (rarely 6-**merous** flowers amongst mostly 5-**merous** flowers on same **spike**); **calyx** 1.1–1.5 mm long, dissected for 1/5–1/2,  $\pm$ **pubescent**; **corolla** 1.6–2.4 mm long; **ovary** **glabrous** or slightly hairy. Pods **linear**, slightly constricted between seeds, **straight** or **falcate**, 5–11 (-15) cm long, 5–8 (-10) mm wide, **crustaceous-coriaceous** to subwoody, minutely **puberulous**; margins slightly thickened. Seeds **longitudinal**, rotund or **orbicular**, flattened, **depressed** towards centre, 5–8(-9) mm long, 4–5 (7.5) mm wide, brownish black; **pleurogram** with narrow halo; **areole** open, yellowish olive.

### Phenology

Flowers Mar.–Oct.

### Habitat

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### Specimens

W.A.: Ejah, Mileura Stn, Upper Murchison, *N.T.Burbidge 8071 & A.Kanis* (CANB, NSW); 8.2 km SSE of Yalgoo, *R.G.Coveny 7931 & B.R.Maslin* (CANB, K, MEL, NSW, PERTH, US); Meekatharra, *B.Maloney 73/28* (NSW); N of Lake Disappointment, *B.R.Maslin 2268* (NSW, PERTH). N.T.: 1 km SE of Kathleen Spring, *P.K.Latz 8738* (CANB, DNA, PERTH). S.A.: c. 50 km S of Cheeseman Peak, *R.B.Major 33* (AD).

### Notes

Differs from *A. cyperophylla* in its flat-topped habit, shorter phyllodes, very long peduncles and larger pods. Related also to *A. doreta*.

### FOA Reference

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