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Acacias of Australia

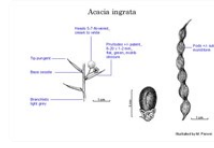
Acacia ingrata Benth.



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Acacia ingrata occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs from Middle Mt Barren E to the Young R., south-western W.A.

Description

Much-branched **diffuse shrub**, normally 0.2–0.5 m high. Bark light grey. **Branchlets** hirsutellous or **glabrous**. Stipule bases commonly persisting as tooth-like projections. Phyllodes subdistant, **sessile, patent** to slightly **reflexed**, narrowly **triangular to linear** or **narrowly oblong**, 6.5–20 mm long, 1–2 mm wide, **pungent**, green, **glabrous** or subglabrous; **midrib** not prominent; **gland** basal. Inflorescences mostly 1- or 2-headed racemes; **raceme axes** 1–2 mm long, often growing out at **anthesis**; peduncles 3–7 mm long, **glabrous** or subglabrous; heads sparse, **globular**, 5–7-flowered, normally cream to white. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals 1/3–1/2-united, c. 1/4 length of petals; petals nerveless. Pods submoniliform, to 5 cm long, 4–5.5 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, finely longitudinally **reticulate, glabrous**, dehiscing along **adaxial** suture. Seeds **longitudinal, elliptic**, 4.5–6 mm long, dull, dark brown; **aril** ±conical, terminal.

Habitat

Grows in often rocky or lateritic clay or clay loam in mallee scrub or heath.

Specimens

W.A.: Bandelup Ck, E of Ravensthorpe, *K.M.Allan 165* (MEL, NSW, PERTH); Kundip, *C.A.Gardner 2943* (BM, PERTH); 0.8 km W of Young R. Crossing, Ravensthorpe-Esperance road, *B.R.Maslin 2552* (AD, CANB, K, NY, PERTH).

Notes

Related to *A. plautella*. The Murchison R., Oldfield specimen (*n.v.*) referred to by G.Bentham in the protologue of *A. ingrata* is probably *A. andrewsii*. A rare pink-flowered individual was recently discovered near Ravensthorpe.

FOA Reference

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