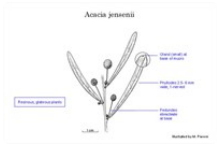


# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia jensenii* Maiden



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See illustration.



*Acacia jensenii* occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living  
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Common Name

Spear Wattle, Mulyati

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Scattered and infrequent in the north-western and central arid zone, W.A., and at Lake Surprise, Tanami Desert, N.T. Also in the Edgar Ra., southern Kimberley, W.A.

### Description

Spindly, open **shrub** or **tree** 2–6 m high, with one or two slender main stems from the base, **glabrous**, **resinous**. Closely related to *A. dictyophleba* and *A. sabulosa* but distinguished in the following ways: Phyllodes **linear** to **linear-oblongate** or narrowly **elliptic**, 2.5–6 cm long, 3–6 mm wide, l:w = 7–13, prominently 1-nerved per face, occasionally with an imperfect **longitudinal nerve** parallel to **midrib**; **lateral nerves** longitudinally **anastomosing** and normally not overly prominent; basal **gland oblong**, infrequently **linear**, 0.5–1 mm long, 0–3 mm above **pulvinus**. Mature pods and seeds not seen, but immature pods 7–8 mm wide and probably with **oblique** seeds.

### Habitat

At Lake Surprise, N.T., this species grows on the upper slopes and crests of sand dunes, while in the Edgar Ra., W.A., it occurs in sandstone gullies.

### Specimens

W.A.: c. 17 km (by track) SW of Well 35, Canning Stock Route, *A.S. George 15654* (BRI, DNA, PERTH); Edgar Ra., *K.F. Kenneally 5630* (PERTH, TLF). N.T.: Lake Surprise, Lander R., *J.R. Maconochie 1689* (DNA, NSW, PERTH).

### Notes

Used for spears by Aborigines.

Along with *A. melleodora* and *A. sabulosa* this species may possibly be better treated as an infraspecific taxon of *A. dictyophleba*. However, the absence of mature pods and limited habit/habitat details make it difficult to accurately assess its status. Most reliably distinguished from *A. dictyophleba* and *A. melleodora* by its narrow, usually linear and 1-nerved phyllodes. The spindly open habit of *A. jensenii* helps to further distinguish the species from its relatives, but a variant of *A. dictyophleba* with similar growth characteristics is discussed under that species. Phyllodes superficially similar to *A. orthotropica* from Kimberley region, W.A., but the two species probably not especially closely related.

### FOA Reference

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