

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia lasiocarpa Benth. var. *lasiocarpa*



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Acacia lasiocarpa var. lasiocarpa occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs from Kalbarri S to Mandurah, and also at Bunbury, extending inland to Coorow, W.A.

Description

Shrub 0.3-1.5 m high, compact or open. Spines few or numerous, sometimes absent. Branchlet **indumentum** variable; hairs **patent**, **antrorse** or **retorse**, sometimes **appressed**. **Pinnae** 3-10 mm long; pinnules (3-) 4-6 (-8) pairs, 2-3 mm long, usually **revolute**, **glabrous** or **puberulous** to **hirsutellous**. Peduncles 6-12 mm long, with **indumentum** as on **branchlets**; heads 5-7 mm diam. (dry), 25-50-flowered; bracteoles **acute** to **short-acuminate**. Pods flat, **glabrous** or **puberulous**. Seed greyish brown, not **mottled**.

Habitat

Common on coastal sand dunes in heath, and inland in sandy gravel in shrubland and woodland.

Specimens

W.A.: c. 33 km E of Geraldton towards Mullewa, *B.R.Maslin 689* (MEL, NSW, PERTH); Fremantle, *L.Preiss 898 p.p.* (LUND, M, MEL, MO, P, STR, TCD, W); 12 km S of Bindoon on Great Northern Hwy, *M.D.Tindale 2623* (NSW, PERTH).

Notes

The above description applies to typical var. *lasiocarpa* which extends from Kalbarri S to near Bunbury. On coastal dunes it is a low, compact shrub with axillary spines few or absent; in northern inland areas it is a tall, openly branched shrub with numerous axillary spines. Some specimens from the Cockleshell Gully-Mt Lesueur area are characterised by branchlets conspicuously pubescent-villous, pinnules 5-8 pairs and 3-5 mm long, and bracteoles long-acuminate (e.g. *E.A.Griffin 2039*). Many specimens from N of Geraldton are atypical in having flat or slightly recurved pinnules (e.g. *R.Coveny 3074*, *AD n.v.*, *BRI n.v.*, *CANB n.v.*, *MEL n.v.*, *NSW, PERTH*); this variant probably warrants formal status, *vide* B.R.Maslin, *Nuytsia* 1: 411 (1975).

FOA Reference

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