WATTLE Acacias of Australia

Acacia latipes subsp. licina R.S.Cowan & Maslin



Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs from Port Gregory SE to near Three Springs, W.A.

Description

Phyllodes elongate-linear, straight or more often curved upwardly, 2.5-5 cm long, 1-2 mm wide, 23-40 times as long as wide, not glaucous.

Habitat

Grows in sand and limestone, in heath and low shrubland.

Specimens

W.A.: 3.7 km from Arrowsmith R. crossing on Dongara–Three Springs road towards Three Springs, *E.M.Canning WA/68 3265* (PERTH); 8 km N of Port Gregory–Northampton road towards Kalbarri, *R.Cumming 1746* (PERTH).

Notes

G.Bentham, *Fl. Austral.* 2: 326 (1864), referred an Oldfield collection from 'South Hutt' [River], near Port Gregory, to his *A. striatula*, a synonym of *A. latipes* and very unlike the holotype of *A. striatula*. The resulting confusion has caused considerable uncertainty concerning the identity of this species. The Oldfield collection represents the northern limit of *A. latipes* subsp. *licina*.

A collection of C.A.Gardner 1690, said to have come from Esperance (PERTH00853348), is so at odds with the distribution that we have concluded the label data are almost certainly incorrect, and his collecting books shed no light on the matter.

FOA Reference

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