

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

*Acacia monticola* J.M.Black x *Acacia trachycarpa* E.Pritz.



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See illustration.

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs in the Pilbara region of north-western W.A. where it is known from a single collection along the railway access rd between Tom Price and Karratha.

### Description

Resinous shrub to 4 m high. Bark red 'Minni Ritchi'. Branchlets hirtellous. Stipules persistent, triangular, c. 1 mm long, scarious, brown. Phyllodes linear-oblongate, narrowed to a fine, brown, subulate, innocuous point 1–1.5 mm long, upper margin clearly broader than lower margin, 4–8 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, not rigid, ±straight, sparsely hirtellous; longitudinal nerves numerous with central one most evident, minor nerves often longitudinally anastomosing. Inflorescences simple; peduncles 15–30 mm long, hirtellous; spikes 10–15 mm long. Flowers 5-merous; calyx dissected for about ½ its length into oblong lobes. Pods (immature) narrowly oblong, flat, 2–6 cm long, c. 8 mm wide, mostly straight, sometimes twisted in the longitudinal plane, obscurely reticulate, with dense, short, soft, straight, white hairs; marginal nerves thickened. Seeds (immature) oblique.

### Habitat

Grows in skeletal soil along a drainage line among low rocky hills.

### Specimens

W.A.: between Tom Price and Karratha along railway access track, *E.Thoma 853* (PERTH).

### Notes

The putative hybrid status of this entity is suggested by field observations and from a critical examination of herbarium material. It is intermediate between the two parents in phyllode width. Another putative hybrid between *A. monticola* and *A. trachycarpa*, not included in the above description, has been collected from near Nullagine but it seemingly no longer exists in that area. See B.R.Maslin *et al.*, *Wattles of the Pilbara* CD-ROM (2010), for further discussion. *Acacia trachycarpa* also hybridizes with *A. eriopoda* and *A. tumida* var. *pilbarensis* in the Pilbara.

### FOA Reference

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