

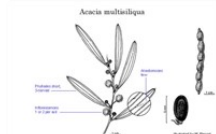
WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia multisiliqua (Benth.) Maconochie



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Acacia multisiliqua occurrence map.
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Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Scattered across the northern Kimberley, W.A., and Arnhem Land, N.T., including offshore islands, and in northern Qld near Lawn Hill and Cape Melville S to near Clermont.

Description

Spindly **glabrous shrub** 1–3 m high, sometimes slender **tree** to 5 m high, **prostrate** in exposed coastal situation. **Branchlets glabrous**. Phyllodes **oblong-elliptic** to narrowly **elliptic**, commonly slightly **incurved**, (0.8–) 3–7 (–8.2) cm long, (2–) 4–10 (–13) mm wide, **acute** or **obtuse** and **mucronulate**, **coriaceous**, with (1 or) 3 main nerves and few ±obscure longitudinally **anastomosing** minor nerves in between; **gland** 1–10 mm above **pulvinus**, often 1 or 2 others along **adaxial** margin. Inflorescences **simple** or occasionally 1-headed racemes with **axes** to 2 mm long, 1 or 2 per **node**; peduncles 2–7 mm long; basal **bract persistent**; heads **globular**, 4–6 mm diam., 25–40-flowered, golden; bracteoles **acute** to short-**acuminate**, normally evident in buds. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free. Pods **linear**, raised over and constricted between seeds, to 6.5 cm long, 3–6 (–7) mm wide, **chartaceous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **elliptic** to **oblong-elliptic**, 4–5.5 mm long, dull, black; **aril clavate**.

Habitat

Grows on stony hills and slopes in sandstone country and, in drier areas, in lateritic soil in open woodland.

Specimens

W.A.: Crocodile Ck, Yanipi Peninsula, *K.F.Kenneally 10126* (BRI, CANB, DNA, PERTH). N.T.: 35.4 km SSW of Borrologia, *N.M.Henry 165* (PERTH); Gove Peninsula, *D.Hinz 741671* (PERTH). Qld: 13 km S of Laura, *J.R.Clarkson 3671* (PERTH).

Notes

Phyllodes used traditionally by N.T. aborigines to relieve nasal congestion, *vide*, Aboriginal Communities of the Northern Territory (1993), *Traditional Aboriginal Medicines N. Territory Austral.* 32–33 (Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory of Australia, Darwin).

Allied with *A. burrana*, *A. simsii* and *A. complanata*.

FOA Reference

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