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Acacias of Australia

Acacia oblecta Maiden & Blakely



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

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Confined to but locally common in the Paynes Find–Wubin–Kununoppin area of south-western W.A., excluding the type locality at Lake Barlee.

Description

Obconic shrub 1.5–3 m high. Branchlets slightly ribbed, pale grey, glabrous. Phyllodes patent to ascending, linear to linear-oblongate, straight to slightly incurved, (6–) 7–11 cm long, (3–) 4–6 (–9) mm wide, with curved-acuminate or caudate-acuminate tip, glabrous, with 3 distant slightly raised nerves per face; minor nerves obscure and sometimes sparingly longitudinally anastomosing; gland (2–) 5–13 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences simple, 1–4 per axil; peduncles 3–5 mm long, glabrous; heads globular, 5 mm diam., 20–36-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-merous; sepals free. Pods moniliform, to 14 cm long, 7–9 mm wide, long-stipitate, chartaceous, glabrous. Seeds longitudinal, broadly elliptic, 6–7.5 mm long, dull, mottled dark and light brown, exarillate.

Habitat

Grows in red loam or clay.

Specimens

W.A.: Bonnie Rock–Wialki, 11 Sept. 1957, *A.R.Main* (CANB, PERTH); 20 km S of Paynes Find on Great Northern Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 5588* (BRI, K, MEL, NSW, PERTH).

Notes

Seemingly most nearly related to *A. speckii* which is most readily distinguished by its terete phyllodes. Also similar in appearance to *A. heteroclita*, which has very different pods with arillate seeds, longer peduncles, usually golden-sericeous new shoots, and phyllodes with appressed-puberulous tips. Superficially similar to *A. websteri* (sect. *Juliflorae*).

FOA Reference

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