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Acacias of Australia

Acacia pachypoda Maslin



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

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Scattered from near Coolgardie S to the Frank Hann Natl Park and E to near Fraser Ra., south-western W.A.

Description

Spreading much-branched **glabrous shrub**, to 0.7 m high. Bark light grey. **Branchlets rigid, terete**, not ribbed, coarsely **pungent**. Phyllodes mostly \pm **patent, terete**, 7–26 mm long, c. 1 mm diam., prominently dilated at the **sessile base, pungent, rigid**, green, nerveless. Inflorescences mostly 2- or 3-headed **rudimentary racemes with axes** c. 1 mm long, enclosed by conspicuous **imbricate** brown bracts when young, growing out at **anthesis**; peduncles 5–7 mm long; heads **globular**, c. 8-flowered, cream; bracteoles absent. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals irregularly united almost to the apices into a **cupular calyx**, minute; petals **linear to spatulate**, c. 0.2 mm wide. Pods **linear**, subterete, to 5 cm long, 2–3 mm wide, **crustaceous**, dark brown. Seeds **longitudinal, oblong**, 3.5–4 mm long, dark brown; **aril** terminal, white.

Habitat

Grows in calcareous loam or sandy loam, on plains or low rocky hills, in *Eucalyptus* woodland or mallee communities.

Specimens

W.A.: 6.25 km due NNE of Clyde Hill, *M.A.Burgman 1396 & S.McNee* (PERTH); 1 km S of Spargoville towards Norseman, Coolgardie–Esperance Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 5036* (PERTH); 27 km S of Tadpole Lake, Frank Hann Natl Park, *K.Newbey 5500* (CANB, PERTH); Eyre Hwy, 37 km E of Fraser Ra., 6 Sept. 1963, *J.H.Willis s.n.* (MEL).

Notes

Allied to *A. castanostegia*.

FOA Reference

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