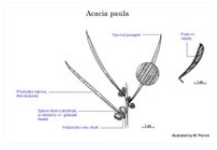


WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia paula Tindale & S.Davies



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

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs on the Mitchell Plateau in north-western W.A.

Description

Subshrub, **prostrate** or semiprostrate, with numerous small branches arising from subterranean rootstock. **Branchlets** \pm angular, virgate, green and lenticellate between brown (usually resin-crenulated) ridges, **glabrous** or sparsely **pubescent**. Phyllodes **linear, straight**, 4–15 cm long, 0.8–3 mm wide, flat, slightly **resinous**, with 1 or 2 **excentric** more prominent **longitudinal** nerves; minor nerves parallel, not regularly conspicuous; basal **gland** inconspicuous. Spikes 4–12 mm long, densely flowered, shortly **cylindrical** to **\pm obloid**, yellow. Flowers 5-**merous**; **calyx** 0.8–1.3 mm long, dissected to 1/4–1/3; sepals thick, with distinct **midrib**, **fimbriolate** and sparsely **pilose**; **corolla** 1.7–2 mm long, dissected to \pm 1/2, with prominent **midrib**, **glabrous**, **viscid**; **ovary** **glabrous** or with tomentum near apex. Pods **linear**, almost flat, **\pm straight**, slightly **curved** at apex, 4–5.5 cm long, 3.5–4.5 mm wide, tapered at base and apex, light brown. Seeds **\pm oblique**, **elliptic**, dorsiventrally flattened, c. 4.2 mm long, very dark brown; **pleurogram** surrounded by slightly paler halo; **funicle** scarcely folded, pale.

Phenology

Flowers Feb., Mar. & June; fruits June.

Habitat

Grows on laterite, sometimes over basalt, in low open forest with *Corymbia confertiflora*.

Specimens

W.A.: c. 1 km E of old Amax Camp, Mitchell Plateau, *C.R.Dunlop 6919* & *M.Gallen* (BRI, DNA, MEL, NSW, PERTH); 0.5 km NE of Amax Basecamp, Mitchell Plateau, *K.F.Kenneally 7106* (NSW, PERTH).

Notes

Few specimens of this taxon have been examined, and further field studies are necessary.

FOA Reference

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