

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

### *Acacia polyadenia* (Pedley) Pedley



### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Known only from 3 islands off the central Qld coast, namely, Shaw Is. in the Lindeman Group, Palm Is. in the Palm Group and Whitsunday Is. in the Whitsunday Group. As noted by L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 2: 322 (1987), this is an unusual distribution pattern.

### Description

Shrub or small tree, prostrate, glabrous. Branchlets slender, red-brown, resinous when young. Phyllodes linear-elliptic, shallowly recurved, 4–8.5 cm long, 3–5 mm wide, ±acute with callus tip, resinous when young, with 7–14 subdistant nerves per face; midnerve the most conspicuous; glands 1–3, not prominent, with lowermost 0–1 mm above pulvinus. Inflorescences simple, 1 or 2 per axil; peduncles 6–8 mm long, resinous; spikes 10–20 mm long, somewhat interrupted. Flowers 5-merous, resinous; sepals united to about the middle; calyx cupular. Pods (not seen, *fide* protologue) narrowly oblong-ob lanceolate, narrowed at base, 4.5 cm long, woody, obscurely longitudinally nerved, resinous, opening elastically from apex; margins thick. Seed not seen.

### Habitat

Habit and habitat data are scanty, but it has been recorded as a small tree occurring in heath on a hillside overlooking the beach, and as a prostrate shrub 30 cm tall growing in wind-swept scrub at 42 m alt.

### Specimens

Qld: Palm Is., [D.J.Henne (MEL108106 n.v., NSW359860); Whitsunday Is., [D.J.Henne (MEL108105 n.v. ).

### FOA Reference

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