

# WATTLE

## *Acacias of Australia*

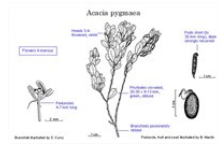
### *Acacia pygmaea* Maslin



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*Acacia pygmaea* occurrence map.  
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### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Known only from the type locality, south-western W.A.

### Description

Dwarf subshrub 0.3–0.5 m high, **glabrous**. **Branchlets** prominently ribbed. **Stipules** shallowly **triangular**, c. 0.5 mm long. Phyllodes **crowded**, **erect**, **elliptic** to **obovate**, 20–30 mm long, 9–13 mm wide, **obtuse**, thin, green, 1-nerved or imperfectly 2-nerved; **lateral** nerves few and obscure; **gland** not prominent, 4–7 mm above base. Inflorescences **simple**, mostly 1 per **axil**; peduncles 4–7 mm long; heads **globular**, 3- or 4-flowered, white, drying orange; buds  $\pm$ 4-angled. Flowers 4-**merous**, large; sepals 1/5 length of **corolla**, united into a **truncate** to sinuately lobed **calyx**. Pods **retrorse** by a strongly **recurved stipe**, **narrowly oblong**, **acute**, to 30 mm long, 3–4 mm wide, **crustaceous**; margins thick. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong** to **elliptic**, 4–5 mm long, shiny, dark brown, arillate.

### Phenology

Flowers from about Nov. to Mar.

### Habitat

It is confined to 3 adjacent laterite ridges in *Eucalyptus* woodland.

### Specimens

W.A.: type locality, *K.F.Kenneally 5891* (BRI, MEL, NSW, NY, PERTH) and *B.R.Maslin 4804* (PERTH).

### Notes

A member of the '*A. myrtifolia* group' seemingly allied to *A. disticha* which is a taller shrub occurring c. 450 km S of the range of *A. pygmaea* and has obviously flattened branchlet-extremities with distichously arranged phyllodes and 6- or 7-flowered, cream-coloured heads on peduncles 7–11 mm long. Seemingly also related to *A. obovata* and *A. nervosa* which are both dwarf members of this group.

### Conservation

Gazetted a rare species in W.A.

### FOA Reference

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