

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia pyrifolia var. *morrisonii* Maiden



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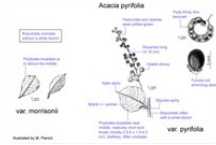
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Acacia pyrifolia var. *morrisonii* occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Common Name

Morrison's Ranji

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Scattered from Nanutarra N to Mardi and Indee stns, E to the Nullagine-Newman area; also Gascoyne R. at Carnarvon and possibly Rudall R. Natl Park to the E of Newman. Less common than the typical variety.

Description

Obconic shrub with ascending (not widely spreading) stems and main branches, crowns sub-open. Branchlets not pruinose or occasionally faintly so. Stipules 2–5 mm long, spiny to sub-spiny, sometimes absent, slender and commonly brittle (normally less robust than in var. *pyrifolia*). Phyllodes obovate or elliptic to narrowly elliptic, mostly 2–5.5 cm long and 1.5–2.5 cm wide, thinly coriaceous, dull milky green, infrequently ± glaucous, not or scarcely pruinose.

Phenology

Flowers mainly July–Aug.

Habitat

Found mostly along watercourses in stony, unconsolidated colluvium beneath eucalypts and *A. citrinoviridis*.

Specimens

W.A.: Carnarvon, *A.M.Ashby 1523* (PERTH); Ashburton R. on North West Coastal Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 5223* (PERTH).

Notes

Acacia morrisonii and *A. pyrifolia* var. *morrisonii* were described independently and based on different specimens of the same Morrison collection. Both Maiden and Domin referred to *Scott. Bot. Rev.* 1: 97 (1912) where Morrison informally described the taxon and compared it with '*A. pyrifolia*' (Morrison's *A. pyrifolia* was most probably *A. inaequilatera*).

FOA Reference

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