

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia rothii F.M.Bailey



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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs on Cape York Peninsula S to Palmer R., northern Qld. The N.T. occurrences given in B.R.Maslin & L.Pedley, *W. Austral. Herb. Res. Notes* 6: 104 (1982), were based on misidentifications of *A. mimula*.

Description

Tree 6–12 m high. Bark rough, dark grey-brown. **Branchlets** angular at extremities, **glabrous**. Phyllodes **narrowly oblong-elliptic**, **falcate**, 15–25 (~30) cm long, (1–) 1.5–2.5 (~4.5) cm wide, **obtuse**, **glabrous**, with 2 or 3 prominent **longitudinal** nerves; secondary nerves **anastomosing** in open reticulum; main **gland** basal, with 1 or 2 additional smaller glands often on upper margin. Inflorescences **racemose**; **raceme axes** 5–9.5 cm long, **glabrous**; peduncles 8–15 (~25) mm long, **glabrous**; heads **globular**, 5.5–6 mm diam., c. 50-flowered, pale yellow. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals 3/4-united. Legumes flat, to 15 cm long, 3–4.5 cm wide, **woody**, transversely reticulately nerved, **glabrous**, **tardily** dehiscent; margins narrowly winged. Seeds transverse, **oblong** to **elliptic**, 8–12 mm long, slightly shiny, dark brown; **funicle** **fleshy**, folded beneath the **aril**.

Habitat

Grows in loam, sand and lateritic red earth in eucalypt communities, and occasionally in vine thickets.

Specimens

Qld: 15°33'S, 142°42'E, J.R.Clarkson 3779 (PERTH); Weipa, A.Morton AGM598 (PERTH).

Notes

Closely related to *A. mimula* (N.T.) which is distinguished by its narrower pods and often shorter phyllodes and smaller stature.

FOA Reference

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