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Acacias of Australia

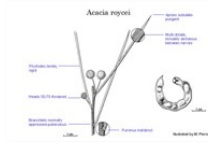
Acacia roycei Maslin



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Acacia roycei occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Ranging from near Ajana N to Towrana Stn, S of Gascoyne Junction in central-western W.A.

Description

Rather **dense shrub** or **tree** 2–6 m high. New shoots pale yellow **appressed-puberulous**. Branchlets **appressed-puberulous** at extremities, sometimes **glabrous**. Phyllodes **ascending** to **erect, straight** to slightly **curved, terete**, 4–8 cm long, 1–1.5 mm diam., **subulate-pungent, rigid**, grey-green, minutely **sericeous** between the 12–16 close, slightly raised nerves, **glabrescent**; **gland** 5–17 mm above base; **pulvinus** indistinct, flared slightly at base. Inflorescences **simple**, 1 or 2 per **axil**; peduncles 6–15 mm long, sparsely to moderately **appressed-puberulous**; heads **globular**, 5–6 mm diam., 55–75-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals irregularly united basally. Pods **linear**, raised over seeds on alternating sides, slightly constricted between seeds, strongly **curved**, to c. 5 cm long, 4–5 mm wide, **chartaceous, glabrous**, pale brown to yellow-brown. Seeds (immature) **longitudinal**; **aril** large, bright yellow.

Habitat

Grows mostly in closed *Acacia* scrubland in sand or sandy loam on red sandplains.

Specimens

W.A.: 36 km S of Overlander Roadhouse on North West Coastal Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 2780* (CANB, K, PERTH); Towrana Stn, *A.L.Payne 34* (PERTH); Kalbarri to North West Coastal Hwy, *M.H.Simmons 463* (PERTH).

Notes

Similar to *A. rigens* which is most readily distinguished by its less pungent phyllodes with basal glands, 20–33-flowered heads and submoniliform pods 2–3 mm wide.

FOA Reference

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