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Acacias of Australia

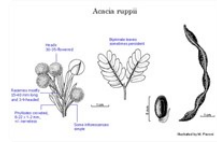
Acacia ruppii Maiden & Betche



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Acacia ruppii occurrence map.
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Common Name

Rupp's Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Restricted to the Grafton-Coaldale area, N.S.W., at low elevations in hills on sandstone.

Description

Spreading open shrub 1–3 m high; bipinnate leaves sometimes retained on mature plants. Branchlets shortly ± villous. Phyllodes crowded, some subverticillate, on short stem-projections, ascending to erect, linear to linear-oblongate, straight to shallowly curved, flat, 8–22 mm long, 1–2 mm wide, obliquely mucronate, glabrous or with sparse spreading hairs, finely rugulose when dry; midrib very obscure or more commonly not evident; gland inconspicuous, 3–10 mm above pulvinus, sometimes absent. Inflorescences normally (2–) 3–9-headed; racemes (10–) 15–40 (–50) mm long, interspersed with some simple ones; peduncles 4–8 mm long, stout, shortly ± villous; heads globular, 7–9 mm diam, 30–35-flowered, bright yellow. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 2/3–5/6-united; petals appressed-hairy. Pods linear, shallowly curved, 4–11 cm long, 5–6 mm wide, coriaceous, dark brown to blackish, glabrous or sparsely hairy. Seeds longitudinal, oblong-elliptic, 4–5 mm long, shiny, black; aril clavate.

Phenology

Flowers July–Sept.

Specimens

N.S.W.: 6 miles [9.6 km] SSE of Coaldale, *R.Coveny 4598* (A n.v., BRn.v., ISC n.v., K n.v., LE n.v., MEL, NSW, PERTH, UC n.v.). Rocky Ck, Grafton-Coaldale rd, *T.Tame 1880* (NSW, PERTH).

Notes

Acacia gittinsii should perhaps also be treated as an infraspecific taxon of *A. ruppii*. Vegetatively, *A. ruppii* is similar to *A. conferta* which is readily distinguished by its pods 10–15 mm wide, seeds transverse, and peduncles never in racemes.

B.R.Maslin, *Fl. Australia* 11A: 344 (2001) treated *A. torringtonensis* as conspecific with *A. ruppii* but it is now regarded as a distinct species.

FOA Reference

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