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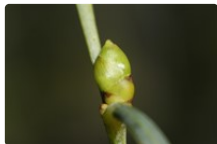
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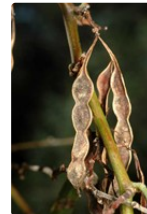
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Acacia saligna occurrence map.
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Common Name

Coojong, Golden Wreath Wattle, Orange Wattle, Blue-leaved Wattle, Western Australian Golden Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Widespread, often common in south-western W.A., extending from Wilgiamia Pool (c. 30 km due NE of Kalbarri) SE to Ponier Rock (c. 65 km due S of Balladonia), but also occurring c. 230 km ENE of Kalbarri on Meka, Murgoo and Jingemarra Stns. Naturalised in S.A., Qld, N.S.W., Vic. and Tas.; widely planted abroad (see below).

Description

Shrub or tree (1–) 3–10 m high, often root-suckering. Bark grey, texture variable (see below). **Branchlets** normally slightly **flexuose**, sometimes **pruinose**, **glabrous**. Phyllodes **patent** to **pendulous**, variable in shape and size, **linear** to **lanceolate**, **straight** to **falcate**, usually 10–25 cm long and 5–35 mm wide, often larger towards base of plant, green to **glaucous**, **glabrous**, with prominent **midrib**, finely **penninerved** (absent on very narrow phyllodes); **gland** \pm **disciform**, 1–2 mm wide, 0–3 mm above **pulvinus**; **pulvinus** mostly 1–2 mm long, coarsely wrinkled. Inflorescences mostly 2–10-headed racemes, enclosed when young by **imbricate** bracts, with **bract** scars evident at **anthesis**; buds **obtuse** to **acute** or **acuminate**, 2–7 mm long; **raceme axes** mostly 2–60 mm long, **glabrous**; peduncles 5–15 mm long, **glabrous**; heads **globular**, mostly 25–55-flowered, mostly golden to lemon yellow. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals c. 4/5-united. Pods **linear**, flat, shallowly constricted between seeds, 8–12 cm long, 4–6 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong** to slightly **elliptic**, 5–6 mm long, shiny, dark brown to black; **aril clavate**.

Habitat

In W.A., grows in a variety of habitats, including poor sandy soils of the Swan Coastal Plain, clayey soil around Geraldton, the sandplains N of Gingin, the Darling Ra. and the Great Southern region (where it is \pm restricted to creeks and rivers), deep sands associated with watercourses (e.g. south coast of W.A.), the base of granite boulders in the wheatbelt, and in coastal dune systems (often forming dense thickets in the hollows between sand hills).

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