

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia scalena Maslin



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

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs from Ballidu to Latham, south-western W.A.

Description

Much-branched often straggly shrub to 1.3 m high, **glabrous**. Ultimate branchlets **patent** to **ascending**, short, **rigid**, **straight**, somewhat **spinose**, commonly lightly **pruinose**. Phyllodes **±sessile**, **dimidiolate**, with **adaxial** margin conspicuously **rounded** with its **proximal** edge **±parallel** to branchlet and its **distal** edge variably **crenulate-erose**, 5–10 mm long, 3–10 mm wide, **pungent** with a 1.5–3 mm long **cuspid**, **glaucous** to subglaucous; **midrib** near lower margin; minor nerves normally branched and running into **adaxial** margin. Inflorescences **rudimentary** 1-headed racemes with **axes** to 0.5 mm long; peduncles 4–8 mm long; basal bracts 2, variably **persistent**; heads **globular**, 18–22-flowered, golden; bracteoles **obtus**, overtopping flowers in buds. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals c. 2/3-united. Pods **narrowly oblong**, to 4 cm long, 4–6 mm wide, **undulate**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **elliptic**, c. 3 mm long, **mottled**; **aril** waxy dull yellow.

Habitat

Grows in often gravelly sand or loam, in open heath or *Eucalyptus* woodland.

Specimens

W.A.: Ballidu, *R.T.Lange* 55 (PERTH); 5 km S of Wubin towards Dalwallinu, *B.R.Maslin* 3369 (PERTH).

Notes

A member of the '*A. pravifolia* group', near *A. flabellifolia* which has hirsutellous to puberulous branchlets, non-glaucous phyllodes and coiled pods. Superficially resembles *A. rendlei*.

FOA Reference

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