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Acacias of Australia

Acacia sorophylla E.Pritz.



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Acacia sorophylla occurrence map.
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Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known only from near Scaddan E to near Mt Ragged in the Cape Arid Natl Park, south-western W.A.

Description

Dense, intricate, spreading, **glabrous**, often domed **shrub** 0.1–0.4 m high; terminal branches often arching downwards. Phyllodes some or all **fasciculate** or **crowded** on short or **nodose branchlets**, **obtriangular** to **cuneate** or **oblanceolate**, 1.5–3 mm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, **rounded** at excentrically **rostriform** apices, thick, drying slightly wrinkled, nerveless. Inflorescences **simple**, solitary at or near apex of short **lateral branchlets**; peduncles 2–3.5 mm long, **recurved** in fruit; heads **globular**, 3–3.5 mm diam., 7–11-flowered, golden. Flowers **5-merous**; sepals free or united. Pods tightly spirally **coiled**, to c. 1 cm long (unexpanded); valves 2.5–3 mm wide, thinly **crustaceous**, blackish, slightly **resinous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 3 mm long, dull, brown, minutely **verruculose**, **exarillate**.

Habitat

Grows mostly in calcareous loam, less commonly in sand or clay, in open tree or shrub mallee and low eucalypt woodland, occasionally near margin of salt lakes.

Specimens

W.A.: 20.5 km NE of Clyde Hill, *M.A.Burgman 2803 & C.Layman* (PERTH); 5 km N of Scaddan on Coolgardie–Esperance Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 5458* (CANB, K, PERTH); 7 km NW of Mt Ragged, *K.Newbey 8062* (CANB, PERTH).

Notes

Relationships unknown.

FOA Reference

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