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Acacias of Australia

Acacia sp. Manmanning (B.R.Maslin 7711) WA Herbarium

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known from only a few populations in the north-central wheatbelt region of south-western W.A., near Kalannie.

Description

Shrubs 0.5–1 m high. Bark light grey and smooth from base of stems to tips of **branchlets**. **Branchlets glabrous**. Phyllodes **ascending** to rather widely spreading, **terete**, shallowly **incurved**, (15–) 20–40 mm long, 0.8–1.5 mm wide, abruptly contracted to **obtuse-mucronulate** apices, smooth, dull, green to **sub-glaucous**, with 8, clearly separated **longitudinal** nerves; **pulvinus** orange. Inflorescences **simple**, 1 per **axil**; peduncles \pm absent; heads **obloid** to shortly **cylindrical**, bright golden, very showy. Flowers **4-merous**; sepals about 1/2-united. Pods **moniliform** to **sub-moniliform**, 2–5 cm long, 3–3.5 mm wide, dark brown, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, 2–2.5 mm long, slightly shiny, black, minutely **verruculose**; **aril** conspicuous.

Habitat

Occurs on yellow gravelly sand on the slopes and near the base of low rises.

Specimens

W.A.: near Kalannie [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], *B.R.Maslin 7711* (PERTH); near Manmanning [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 11 Jan. 1972, *B.H.Smith s.n.* (PERTH).

Notes

Very closely related to *A. multispicata* but distinguished by its relatively short phyllodes with 8, widely-spaced-nerves. A better understanding of the complex variation patterns within *A. multispicata* is needed in order to properly assess the taxonomic status of *Acacia* sp. Manmanning (B.R.Maslin 7711). Phyllodes are very rarely 8-nerved in *A. multispicata*.

FOA Reference

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