

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia speckii R.S.Cowan & Maslin



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Acacia speckii occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known only from between Meekatharra and Cue and near Yalgoo (which is c. 150 km SW of Cue), in south-western W.A.

Description

Bushy **shrub** or small **tree** 2–3 m high. **Branchlets terete, glabrous**. Phyllodes **erect, straight** to shallowly **incurved**, often \pm bent at **gland, terete**, (7–) 8–12 cm long, 1–1.5 mm diam., **pungent, rigid**, subglabrous, **glabrous**, with 8 **distant** strongly raised nerves. Inflorescences (judging from very young buds) **simple**, 1 or 2 per **axil**; peduncles 5–10 mm long (in fruit), **glabrous**. Heads (judging from fruiting receptacles) broadly **ellipsoid** to **obloid**. Flowers presumably 4-**merous**. Pods **moniliform**, shallowly **curved**, to 13.5 cm long, 4–6 mm wide, **chartaceous**, light brown, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal, globular**, equatorially ridged, **umbonate** at apex, \pm 5 mm diam., dull, brown; **aril** minute.

Habitat

Collected in mulga scrub on low hills underlaid by basalt, granite or dolerite.

Specimens

W.A.: 4.2 km E of Yalgoo, *R.J.Cumming* 1979 (K, PERTH); 43.5 km W of Yalgoo towards Mullewa, *B.R.Maslin* 3621 (PERTH); Norie Stn, *A.A.Mitchell* 979 (AD, BRI, G, PERTH); 10 km W of Coodardy Stn HS, *A.A.Mitchell* 1337 (PERTH).

Notes

Relationships unclear but may be related to *A. obtecta*.

FOA Reference

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