

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia sphacelata Benth. subsp. *sphacelata*



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Acacia sphacelata subsp. *sphacelata* occurrence map.

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

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Common from near Port Gregory S to Ongerup; also from the Southern Cross district, Ravensthorpe and near Peak Charles (Peak Charles is c. 95 km SW of Norseman), W.A.

Description

Shrub to 1.5 m high. Branchlets glabrous or apices hirsutellous to antrorsely puberulous. Stipules normally caducous. Phyllodes scattered, rarely a few clustered or subverticillate (2 or 3 per node), mostly straight, terete to quadrangular, 6–25 mm long, (0.5–) 0.6–1.3 mm wide, normally glabrous; gland near or above middle of phyllode, 3–8 mm above base. Peduncles (3–) 5–10 mm long, rarely 3–4 mm; heads 22–50-flowered. Pods 3–5 mm wide. Seeds 2.5–4 mm long.

Habitat

Grows in sand or laterite, commonly in heath, shrubland or mallee woodland. In the Darling Ra., E of Perth, it sometimes occurs in loam on granite outcrops.

Specimens

W.A.: Nanson, *A.M.Ashby 4510* (AD, PERTH); 23.5 km SSE of Peak Charles, *M.A.Burgman & S.McNee 1481* (PERTH); Swan R., *J.Drummond 299* (K, OXF, P, PERTH); 21 km E of Karalee on the Great Eastern Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 1853* (AD, PERTH); 38 km E of Lesmurdie, *B.R.Maslin 6189* (PERTH).

Notes

Phyllodes commonly superficially resemble those of *A. quadrisulcata*.

FOA Reference

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