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Acacia sporadica N.G. Walsh



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

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Discontinuous, known from only the Howqua R., Carboor East area and near Taradale, Vic.

Description

Shrub to 3 m high, root-suckering. Branchlets not pruinose, glabrous. Phyllodes obovate to oblanceolate, occasionally some almost elliptic, usually slightly asymmetric, 2.5–6.5 cm long, (7–) 10–25 (–32) mm wide, obtuse, glaucous, glabrous, with prominent midrib and marginal nerves, penninerved; gland 5–20 mm above pulvinus, infrequently connected to midrib by an obscure oblique nerve. Inflorescences racemose; raceme axes 1.5–7 cm long, glabrous; peduncles 3–6 mm long, glabrous; heads globular, 15–25-flowered, bright lemon-yellow. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united. Pods ±oblong, rarely constricted between seeds, 4–9 cm long, 10–17 mm wide, thinly coriaceous. Seed transverse, oblong to elliptic, 4–5 mm long, slightly shiny, black; funicle pale brown; aril clavate.

Habitat

Grows on rocky hills in *Eucalyptus* forest or woodland.

Specimens

Vic: Carboor East–Whorouly South, 5 Aug. 1980, *N.A.F. Gibb* (MEL); Carboor East, 15 km due SW of Myrtleford, *B.R. Maslin* 5967 (PERTH); S side of Howqua R., c. 8 km ESE of bridge on Mansfield–Jamieson road, 16 Apr. 1976, *J.H. Willis* (MEL).

Notes

Acacia sporadica was treated by B.R. Maslin, *Fl. Australia* 11A: 253 (2001), as *Acacia* sp. C and by B.R. Maslin, *WATTLE Acacias of Australia* CD-ROM (2001), as *A. affin. penninervis* (where it was erroneously referred to *Acacia* sp. A in the *Fl. Australia* treatment).

Related to *A. penninervis* which differs in its longer, infrequently glaucous phyllodes with gland connected to midrib by an obscure oblique nerve, cream to ±white heads and longitudinally orientated, longer seeds. Furthermore, the species distributions do not overlap. May sometimes also resemble *A. caerulescens* and short phyllode forms of *A. obliquinervis*.

FOA Reference

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