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Acacias of Australia

Acacia squamata Lindl.



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Acacia squamata occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in south-western W.A. from near Bindoon S to near Mt Barker, Bremer Bay and Fitzgerald R. Natl Park, and extending inland to near Newdegate; one collection from Gairdner Ra. area, c. 150 km N of Bindoon.

Description

Erect or sometimes trailing multistemmed subshrub 0.15–0.6 m high, sometimes rhizomatous, **glabrous**. Stems frequently **flexuose**, **terete**, obscurely nerved, green to **glaucous**. Phyllodes resembling stems, **distant**, **±sessile**, **ascending** to **erect**, **terete**, 2–7 cm long, 1–2 mm wide, sometimes **uncinate**, 4-nerved but nerves not or scarcely evident. Inflorescences 2–4-headed racemes; **raceme axes** short, enclosed when young by conspicuous **imbricate** bracts; peduncles 7–13 mm long; heads **globular**, 6–11-flowered, golden; bracteoles absent. Sepals united, minute, **membranous**, **repand**; petals absent. Pods **linear** to **narrowly oblong**, to c. 8 cm long, 4–5 mm wide, **crustaceous**; margins thick. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, c. 4 mm long, dull to slightly shiny, brown (? or black); **aril** terminal.

Habitat

Commonly grows on laterite or lateritic sand or loam, in *Eucalyptus* woodland, scrub or heath; sometimes in rocky, sandy clay in open Wandoo (*Eucalyptus wandoo*) woodland.

Specimens

W.A.: Two Bump Hill, Fitzgerald R. Natl Park, *J.M.Fox 86/95* (CANB); Clackline Nature Reserve, *G.J.Keighery 3979* (PERTH); Gairdner Ra., *D.Lievense*, July 1980 (PERTH); 27.5 km N of Kojonup on Albany Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 2616* (CANB, PERTH); 17 km E of Newdegate towards Lake King, *B.R.Maslin 3433* (PERTH).

Notes

Remarkable in that petals are absent. Probably related to *A. flagelliformis* which is distinguished by its quadrangular to flat phyllodes and 4–9-headed racemes.

FOA Reference

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