

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia subporosa F.Muell.



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Acacia subporosa occurrence map.
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Common Name

Narrow-leaf Bower Wattle, Sticky Bower Wattle, River Wattle, Bower Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Restricted to a coastal zone of south-eastern Australia from near Bega, N.S.W., S to the NE tip of Vic. near Howe Hill.

Description

Tree to 12 m high, \pm viscid, with subpendulous branches. Branchlets with longitudinal green to brown, low ribs alternating with \pm resinous bands, later terete and ribbed, glabrous. Phyllodes very narrowly elliptic, \pm incurved, (4-) 6-9 cm long, 4-11 mm wide, l:w = 8-18, acute to acuminate, thin, glabrous except margins appressed-puberulous, resinous-punctate, with 2-5 distant main nerves per face and some weaker longitudinal nerves between, with anastomoses few and obscure. Inflorescences simple, 1-3 per axil; peduncles 6-11 mm long, antrorsely subappressed-puberulous; basal bract persistent; heads globular, 6-7 mm diam., 20-25-flowered. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united. Pods linear, to 7.5 cm long, 5 mm wide, firmly chartaceous, glabrous. Seeds longitudinal, oblong, 4 mm long, glossy, dark brown; aril small, terminal.

Habitat

Grows in moist sandy/shaly soils and conglomerates, especially along streams in gullies at margin of rain-forests, and on low hillsides.

Specimens

N.S.W.: 4.8 km N of Pambula on the Princes Hwy, R.Coveny 2927 (MEL, NSW); 3.2 km SE of Wonboyn, R.Coveny 2938 (NSW). Vic.: Harrison's Ck, Howe Ra., East Gippsland, D.Cameron 3951 (NSW).

Notes

Colour of the flower-heads is not recorded on specimens available but they are said to be 'soft pale-yellow' in this species and 'pale lemon-yellow' in the closely related *A. cognata*, *vide* L.F.Costermans, *Native Trees & Shrubs SE Australia* 325 (1981). These two species are members of the *A. verniciflua* complex and the relationship between them is discussed in R.S.Cowan & B.R.Maslin, *Nuytsia* 10: 78 (1995). Also similar to *A. veronica*.

FOA Reference

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