

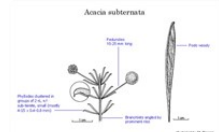
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Acacias of Australia

Acacia subternata F.Muell.



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Acacia subternata occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in the northern N.T., mostly W of Borroloola between 16°S and 16°30'S and between 134°30'E and 136°30'E, and at Victoria R.

Description

Shrub to 1.2 m high, **erect** to semiprostrate, domed, **resinous**, branching from base. Bark ±smooth or slightly **fissured**, grey-brown. **Branchlets** markedly angular, light brown or brown; ridges very prominent. Phyllodes in clusters of 2–6, **linear, straight** or **curved**, semiterete to flat, 4–15 mm long, 0.4–0.8 (–1) mm wide, thinly **coriaceous, glabrous**, furrowed; nerves inconspicuous, **longitudinal**; **gland** absent or inconspicuous. Heads 5–9 mm diam., 36–44-flowered, golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; **calyx** 1–1.5 mm long, dissected to 1/2–2/3, **glabrous**; **corolla** 1.7–2.5 mm long, dissected for 1/3–1/2, with petals striated; **ovary glabrous**, usually minutely **tuberculate**, with bulbous yellow cap on summit. Pods narrowly **oblanceolate** to **linear-oblanceolate**, basally tapered, flat, **straight-sided**, 2.7–5.5 cm long, **woody**, obliquely to almost longitudinally nerved, **glabrous, scurfy** when old, opening elastically at apex; margins and seed-partitions thick. Seeds **oblique**, broadly **oblong-elliptic**, 3.2–4.7 mm long, dark brown; **pleurogram** with fawn halo; **areole** closed; **funicle-aril** narrowly conical.

Phenology

Flowers Mar.–Sept.

Habitat

Grows usually in red, skeletal, sandy loams on sandstone ridges or on quartzite, in eucalypt woodland, often associated with spinifex.

Specimens

N.T.: McArthur R. area, *L.A.Craven 4127* (A, BRI, CANB, DNA, G, L, PERTH, RSA); 46 miles [c. 74 km] N of Cape Crawford on Borroloola road, *B.Maloney 8/75* (CANB, K, NSW); just N of Caranbirini Waterhole Rd to Borroloola, *B.Rice 2141* (CANB, NSW).

Notes

Related to *A. delicatula*. Also similar to *Acacia manipularis* which differs in its less angular branchlets and longer phyllodes.

FOA Reference

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