

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia tingoorensis Pedley



Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Restricted to near Kingaroy and Mt Garnet, Qld.

Description

Tree 3–8 m tall. Branchlets stout, acutely angled towards apices, **velvety** by dense, short, soft **patent** hairs. Phyllodes **dimidiate** to shallowly or obviously falcately **recurved**, 10–18 (–23) cm long, (10–) 15–35 mm wide, **coriaceous**, green, multistriate with 3 or 4 nerves more pronounced than the rest and free to the base or the lower 2 **confluent** near the **pulvinus** but free from lower margin, the minor nerves **sub-distant** (mostly 3–4 per mm), longitudinally **anastomosing** secondary nerves relatively few to **sub-numerous**, **velvety** or more commonly **glabrous**; **pulvinus** 2–5 (–8) mm long, commonly densely hairy and indistinct. Inflorescences **simple** or **rudimentary** racemes to 1 mm long, mostly 2 per **axil**; **spike** 4–8 (10) cm long, golden, the flowers **sub-dense** or somewhat widely spaced in the spikes; **axis of spike** **glabrous** or **velvety** hairy; peduncles (2–) 5–10, hairy. Flowers 5 **merous**. **Calyx** very shortly dissected, with **indumentum** sometimes only at the base; **ovary** densely pubescent. Pods **sub-moniliform**, to c. 6 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, **straight** to shallowly **curved**, **rounded** over seeds and moderately constricted between them, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 4 mm long, 2 mm wide, dark brown; **aril** terminal and yellow (at least when dry).

Phenology

Flowers Aug.–Sept.

Habitat

Grows on low hills; near Kingaroy it grows on shallow loam and sand as an understory in eucalypt woodland and forms dense stands in disturbed situations along road verges; near Mt Garnet it grows on red lateritic soil.

Specimens

Qld: E of Durong, R.G.Coveny 2089 (A, AD, B, BRI, CANB, K, L, MEL, NSW, PERTH, U, UC, US); W of Tingoora on the Durong South road, R.G.Coveny 6757 & P.D.Hind (AD, BRI, CANB, K, LE, MEL, NSW, NU, RSA, US, Z); c. 60 mi [100 km] S of Mt Garnet, S.A.Morain 143 (BRI).

Notes

A member of the taxonomically complex '*A. cunninghamii* group' (see *A. concurrens*) which until recently was treated as a subspecies of *A. longispicata* from which it differs most obviously in having dense, erect (not appressed), velvety hairs on its branchlets.

FOA Reference

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