

WATTLE

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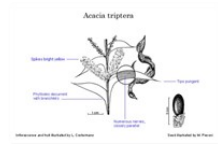
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Acacia triptera occurrence map.
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Common Name

Spur-wing Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Widespread in central and southern Qld and central N.S.W., usually occurring W of the Great Dividing Ra. An isolated occurrence occurs in the Warby Ra. near Wangaratta in north-eastern Vic.

Description

Shrub or tree to 4.5 m high, 7 m across, spreading, twisted. Stipules setaceous, < 0.5 mm long or obscure. Phyllodes decurrent along branches for 1–2 cm, spur-like

or *falcate*, 1.5–5.5 cm long, and (2–) 5–10 mm wide, *pungent*, flat, *rigid*; nerves numerous, fine, \pm parallel but occasionally adjacent nerves coalescing with one another; *gland* small, basal or to 6 mm above *pulvinus*. Inflorescences with peduncles 2–6 mm long, *glabrous*; spikes 7–30 mm long. Flowers loose or occasionally compact, 4-*merous*, bright yellow; sepals united. Pods *linear, compressed*, hardly constricted between seeds; *arcuate*, 2.5–8 cm long and 2–4 mm wide; valves thin but not *chartaceous*. Seeds *ovate* or *elliptic*, 3–4 mm long, deep reddish brown or sometimes almost black; *funicle* filamentous and mostly *straight* for c. 2 mm and then much folded and thickened into a *turbinate aril*.

Phenology

Usually flowers from Aug.–Nov. and fruits Nov.–Jan., rarely later.

Habitat

Grows on sandy plains or in skeletal soils on rocky escarpments and sometimes forming extensive and impenetrable thickets in open eucalypt woodland.

Specimens

Qld: near 'Pelham' NW of Chinchilla, *S.T.Blake 18212* (K, MEL). N.S.W.: Howell, *K.Thurtell & R.Coveny 3921* (CANB, MEL, NSW); 5.5 miles [9 km] from Nymagee on the Cobar rd, *C.W.E.Moore 4502* (MEL); 3 miles [4.8 km] W of Gungal, 28 Sept. 1968, *A.N.Rodd 2190* (NSW). Vic.: Warby Ra. near Wangaratta, Oct. 1948, *W.J.Zimmer s.n.* (MEL).

Notes

The affinities of this species are unknown: it differs widely from all other species of *Acacia* by having 4-merous flowers and broadly decurrent phyllodes and it is easily distinguished by these characters.

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