

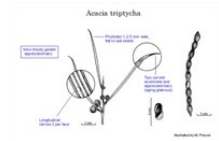
# WATTLE

## Acacias of Australia

### *Acacia triptycha* F.Muell. ex Benth.



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Acacia triptycha occurrence map.  
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

### Family

Fabaceae

### Distribution

Occurs sporadically from Mt Frankland E to near Ponier Rock and Cape Arid Natl Park in south-western W.A.

### Description

Bushy **shrub** to small **tree** 1–4 m high. **Branchlets glabrous**. New growth golden **appressed-puberulous**. Phyllodes **ascending** to **erect, linear, straight** or more often shallowly **curved**, flat to subterete, (3–) 7–10 (–13) cm long, 1–2 mm wide, arcuately long-**acuminate** with point **appressed-puberulous** ageing **glabrous, glabrous** (except tip), 8-nerved in all, 3-nerved per face when flat; **gland** 1–11 (–15) mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences **simple**, 2 per **axil**; peduncles 4–10 mm long, **glabrous** to sparsely **appressed-puberulous**; heads **globular**, 4–6 mm diam., mostly 26–40-flowered,  $\pm$ golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free, **spathulate**; petals partly united. Pods **linear**, slightly raised over seeds, **straight**, to 6 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, thinly **crustaceous, glabrous** to sparsely **appressed-puberulous**. Seeds **longitudinal, elliptic** to **oblong-elliptic**, 2.8–3.3 mm long, glossy, **mottled** shades of brown, nigrescent; **aril** subapical.

### Habitat

Grows usually in association with granite or quartzite in granitic sand or reddish-brown clay-sand over quartz, in open scrub or heath on hills, hence the sporadic distribution.

### Specimens

W.A.: Mt Ragged, *T.E.H.Aplin 4331* (AD, BRI, CANB, K, PERTH); Jacup Ck, Fitzgerald R., 12 Oct. 1935, *C.A.Gardner s.n.* (BM, PERTH); c. 10 km from Ravensthorpe towards Lake King, *B.R.Maslin 3873* (CANB, G, K, MEL, NSW, NY, PERTH); 31 km W of Ponier Rock, *K.Newbey 7626* (PERTH).

### Notes

The *J.Drummond 4: 132* and *5: 5* collections cited by G.Bentham, *Fl. Austral.* 2: 337 (1864), under this name are *A. subflexuosa*.

The closest relative is *A. heteroclita* which has broader phyllodes. Also related to *A. trinalis* and to the '*A. fragilis* group', particularly *A. assimilis*, which has slender, more nearly terete phyllodes with more numerous, less conspicuous main nerves.

### FOA Reference

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