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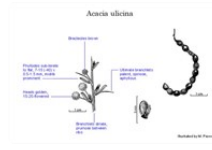
Acacia ulicina Meisn.



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Acacia ulicina occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Extending from Kalbarri Natl Park S to near Tammin and Brookton, south-western W.A.

Description

Rigid much-branched spreading shrub 0.3–1 m high, sometimes semi-prostrate, glabrous or sometimes hirtellous. Branches striate, pruinose between ribs. Branchlets numerous, short, divaricate, spinescent, aphyllous. Phyllodes often erect, linear, semi-terete to flat, 7–15 mm long, sometimes 20–40 mm long at base of branchlets, 0.5–1.5 mm wide, excentrically mucronulate with apex sometimes uncinata; midrib raised; upper margin often slightly thickened. Inflorescences rudimentary 1-headed racemes with axes > 0.5 mm long; peduncles 4–10 mm long; basal bracts brown; heads globular to shortly obloid, golden, 4.5–5.5 mm diam., 15–25-flowered; bracteoles concave, brown. Flowers 5-merous; sepals united; petals 1-nerved. Pods constricted between and prominently rounded over seeds, curved, to 4 cm long, 2.5–3.5 mm wide, very thinly coriaceous, dark brown. Seeds longitudinal, ovate, obliquely truncate adjacent to prominent aril, 2.5–3 mm long, khaki-coloured; aril dark coloured.

Habitat

Grows in often stony clay or loam.

Specimens

W.A.: Moresby Ra. on Nanson–Howatharra road, *A.M.Ashby 3801* (K, MEL); 4.8 km N of Moora on Geraldton Hwy, *B.R.Maslin 3276* (CANB, PERTH); 5 km from Yerecoin towards Bolgart, *B.R.Maslin 3385* (BM, PERTH); Junga Dam, 21 km E of Kalbarri, *P.G.Wilson 6608* (MEL, PERTH).

Notes

May be confused with the sometimes sympatric *A. spinosissima* which has generally broader, consistently flat phyllodes with midrib scarcely raised, ebracteolate heads, nerveless petals and pruinose pods.

E.Pritzl, *Bot. Jahrb. Syst.* 35: 299 (1904), misapplied the name *A. ulicina* to a specimen of *A. oxyclada*. He then described true *A. ulicina* as *A. leptacantha*. J.H.Maiden *J. & Proc. Roy. Soc. New South Wales* 53: 192 (1920), erroneously synonymised *A. leptacantha* E.Pritz. under *A. spinosissima*.

FOA Reference

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