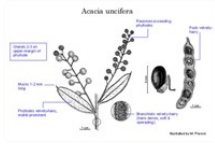


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Acacias of Australia

Acacia uncifera Benth.



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Acacia uncifera occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known only from the White Mtns, Pentland–Torrens Ck area and the headwaters of the Nogoa R. (type locality, c. 550 km S of Pentland), Qld.

Description

Straggly or willowy **shrub** or **tree** 2–5 m high. **Branchlets** **velvety pubescent** with **dense** soft spreading hairs 0.5–1 mm long. Phyllodes **patent** to **erect**, **narrowly oblong** to **narrowly elliptic**, sometimes **oblanceolate**, (1.7–) 2–5 (–6) cm long and 6–17 mm wide with l:w = 3–5, with 1–2 mm long, \pm **incurved** or **inflexed mucro**, \pm **thinly coriaceous**, green, **velvety pubescent**, with prominent **midrib**, obscurely **penninerved**; glands 2 or 3, with the lowermost 1–5 mm above **pulvinus**; **pulvinus** c. 2 mm long. Inflorescences 10–20-headed racemes; **raceme axes** 5–8 cm long, exceeding phyllodes, rather stout and **pubescent**; peduncles (3–) 4–7 mm long, **pubescent**; heads **globular**, 25–30-flowered, bright golden. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals 2/3–3/4-united. Pods variably constricted between seeds, to 6.5 cm long, 6–11 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, **velvety**. Seeds **oblique** to almost transverse, **elliptic**, obliquely **truncate** adjacent to **aril**, 4–5 mm long, dull to slightly shiny, black.

Habitat

Grows on sandstone in *Eucalyptus*–*Angophora* low open forest or woodland.

Specimens

Qld: 29 km W of Pentland, *A.D.Chapman 1372* (BRI); Spyglass Peak, Salvator Rosa Natl Park, *M.E.Ballingall 2170* (BRI, PERTH).

Notes

Seems most closely related to *A. podalyriifolia* which has pruinose branchlets, commonly broader, usually silvery grey to glaucous phyllodes with a single gland further removed from pulvinus, and broader pods with larger seeds. There are also subtle indumentum differences, *vide* L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 1: 277 (1980). Specimens with patent phyllodes may be reminiscent of *A. leichhardtii* which has narrower, usually less hairy phyllodes with solitary glands (sometimes absent) and longitudinal seeds encircled by the funicle.

The type locality is a considerable distance from the main area of occurrence of the species, *vide* L.Pedley, *Austrobaileya* 1: 277 (1980). Furthermore, the peduncles on the type specimen are only 3 mm long.

FOA Reference

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