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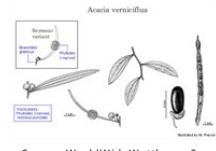
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Acacia verniciflua occurrence map.
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Common Name

Varnish Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Widespread and common in eastern Australia from near Tamworth, N.S.W., S through the A.C.T. to Casterton, Vic.; there are also restricted occurrences in the Stanthorpe region of SE Qld and the southern Lofty Ra. area near Adelaide, S.A.

Description

Viscid, ±non-aromatic **shrub** mostly 1–3 m tall, occasionally **tree** to 4 m. **Branchlets** sometimes **flexuose** and/or **pendulous**, **terete** or slightly angled, **glabrous** or occasionally (few S.A. specimens) **appressed-puberulous** on ribs, normally marked with broad, ±flat, yellow or green bands which are darker coloured and often **resinous** in between. **Phyllodes** very variable, **elliptic** to narrowly **elliptic**, sometimes **lanceolate**, **narrowly oblong** to **oblong-ob lanceolate** or rarely (when very narrow) **linear**, 2–8 (–9) cm long, (1.5–) 3–15 (–24) mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, usually obviously **resinous-punctate**, **glabrous** or margins and main nerves **appressed-puberulous**, 2-nerved per face but **adaxial nerve** sometimes indistinct, rarely 1-nerved (in second variant below); **lateral nerves** absent or few and obscure; **gland** 0–2 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences **simple**, 1–3 per **axil**, sometimes 2–6-headed racemes with **axes** 2–5 mm long; peduncles (3–) 4–15 (–20) mm long, often **resinous**, **glabrous** to sparsely **appressed-hairy**; basal peduncular **bract** normally **caducous**; heads **globular** to slightly **obloid**, 30–60-flowered, bright lemon yellow to golden. Bracteoles usually obscure and overtopped by flowers in mature buds (but see fourth variant below). Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals united almost to their apices. Pods **narrowly oblong** to **linear**, to 2.5–9 cm long, 3–6 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, **glabrous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong** to **oblong-elliptic**, 3.5–5 mm long, shiny, dark brown to blackish; **aril** terminal.

Habitat

Mostly occurs in *Eucalyptus* dominated woodland and grows in a wide range of habitats, from skeletal rocky areas to sand or loam soils derived from granites, sandstones and shales. Generally prefers slopes and rocky hillsides or the banks of watercourses, but is also frequently found in roadside remnants in degraded habitats.

FOA Reference

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