

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia veronica Maslin



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Acacia veronica occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Endemic in the Stirling Ra. Natl Park, c. 80 km N of Albany, south-western W.A.

Description

Aromatic **glabrous** shrub or tree usually 3–10 m high. **Branchlets** finely ribbed, **resinous** when young. Phyllodes **linear** to **linear-elliptic**, **straight** to \pm shallowly **incurved**, (6–) 9–15 (–20) cm long, 3–8 mm wide, **acute**, sometimes subuncinate, thinly **coriaceous**, 2- or sometimes 3-nerved per face with the central **nerve** the most pronounced, with secondary nerves sparingly longitudinally **anastomosing**; **gland** 0–1 mm above **pulvinus**. Inflorescences 2-headed racemes; **raceme axes** (1–) 2–6 (–8) mm long, **resinous**, normally terminated by a dormant bud; peduncles 8–15 mm long, **glabrous**, **resinous**; heads **globular**, 7–12 mm diam., 24–27-flowered, white to cream. Flowers 4-**merous**, **resinous**; sepals 3/4-united, with lobes **triangular**. Pods **linear**, to 11 cm long, 5–5.5 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous-crustaceous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, 5.5–6 mm long, shiny, dark brown; **aril** white.

Habitat

Grows along watercourses in Jarrah–Marri or Wandoo forest or woodland, and also at summit of some high peaks in sheltered sites.

Specimens

W.A.: 21 km along Stirling Ra. Scenic Drive from Red Gum Pass, *R.J.Cumming 1000* (MEL, PERTH); Mt Trio car park, *G.J.Keighery 3382* (PERTH); near Mt Hassell, *B.R.Maslin 4013* (PERTH).

Notes

Plants from higher altitudes have short phyllodes (6–8 cm long) and may be only 1.5 m high.

The species seems not to be closely related to any other in W.A. except possibly *A. spongolitica*; it sometimes superficially resembles *A. cyclops* but the relationship is not close. It seems to have some affinities with the eastern Australian species *A. baeuerlenii*, *A. subporosa* and *A. cognata* and, as noted by M.D.Tindale & P.G.Kodala, *Austral. Syst. Bot.* 4: 579 (1991), is also similar to *A. tessellata*. *Acacia veronica* differs from all the above-mentioned species, except *A. spongolitica*, by its 4-merous flowers.

FOA Reference

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