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Acacias of Australia

Acacia websteri Maiden & Blakely



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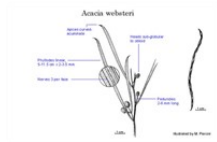
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Acacia websteri occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known only from the Bencubbin and Coolgardie–Kambalda areas, inland southern W.A.

Description

Tall **shrub** or **tree** to 5 m high. **Branchlets** flattened at tips, soon **terete**, sparsely **appressed-puberulous** apically but soon **glabrous**, sometimes \pm white-**resinous**. Phyllodes **erect**, **linear**, 5–11.5 cm long, 2–3.5 mm wide, tapering to a long-**acuminate** gently **curved** apex, thinly **coriaceous**, **sericeous** becoming **glabrous**, 3-nerved per face; nerves **distant** and raised, sometimes with infrequent anastomoses. Inflorescences **simple**, sometimes in **rudimentary** racemes with **axes** to c. 1 mm long; peduncles 2–6 mm long, **appressed-puberulous**; heads **obloid** to subglobular, 5–6 mm long, 4 mm diam., 30–36-flowered, golden; bracteoles **spathulate** with **rounded** blade. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals free; petals 1/2-united. Pods narrowly **linear**, slightly ridged longitudinally, **straight**, biconvex, to 8 cm long, 2–3 mm wide, sparsely **appressed-puberulous**. Seeds **longitudinal**, **oblong**, \pm 3.5 mm long, light brown; **aril** terminal.

Habitat

Grows mostly in red loam, sand and clay in drainage depressions, in shrubland and scrub.

Specimens

W.A.: c. 20 km due SSE of Bencubbin, *B.R.Maslin* 1992 (B, CANB, K, MEL, PERTH); 7.5 km towards Queen Victoria Rock from Great Eastern Hwy, *B.R.Maslin* 4824 (CANB, K, MEL, PERTH).

Notes

Related to *A. symonii* and perhaps also *A. gibbosa*; reminiscent of *A. heteroclita* and *A. obtecta*, both in sect. *Plurinerves*, which have globular (\pm globular in *A. heteroclita*) heads and mottled seeds (although indistinctly in *A. obtecta*).

FOA Reference

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