

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia wickhamii Benth. subsp. *wickhamii*



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

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in the Kimberley region of W.A. E from the Dampier Peninsula (particularly the One Arm Point–Sunday Is. area) to the L. Argyle region, and into the N.T. as far E and N as Willeroo.

Description

Shrub 0.7–2 m high. Phyllodes mostly **ascending** to **erect**, dimidiately **elliptic** to narrowly **elliptic**, **oblong-elliptic** or sometimes **ovate** to **lanceolate**, **straight** but normally some or all shallowly to ±strongly **recurved** near apex, sometimes shallowly **sigmoid**, flat or slightly **undulate**, (0.8–) 1–2.5 cm long, 4–8 (–10) mm wide, l:w = 2–4. Peduncles 10–20 mm long; heads **spicate** or rarely **obloid**, 1–3.5 cm long. Pods to 6.5 cm long, 5–10 mm wide.

Phenology

Flowers recorded Nov.–Mar., May., June., Sept., probably throughout the year.

Habitat

Grows in red or yellow sandy loam or gravelly soil, in eucalypt woodland or open woodland with grassy or shrubby undergrowth, savannah woodland, open scrub or shrubland, often with spinifex, on plains, low hills or steep stony hillsides, often in undulating country. On Sunday Is. and other coastal areas in the West Kimberley region it grows in skeletal soil over rugged outcropping sandstone, on rocky ridges and cliffs.

Specimens

W.A.: Mount House Stn, *J.S.Beard* 6973 (DNA, NSW, PERTH); Sunday Is., W Kimberley, Nov. 1906, *W.V.Fitzgerald* (NSW); 26 km SE of Kununurra, *M.Lazarides* 8446 (CANB). N.T.: near Willeroo, *B.Maloney* 23/75 (CANB, K, NSW); 153 km W of Katherine, *M.Parker* 432 (DNA, NSW); 40.2 km W of Top Springs turnoff, Victoria Hwy, *M.D.Tindale* 10109, *P.Munns* & *R.Turley* (BRI, DNA, MEL, PERTH).

Notes

Distinguished most readily from subsp. *cassitera* by its phyllode width and length:width ratio, but there are also differences in phyllode shape and to a lesser extent, spike length.

The specimen *B.J.Carter* 549 (PERTH) that was noted by P.G.Kodela & M.D.Tindale, *Fl. Australia* 11B: 243 (2001), is now considered to be *A. calligera*.

FOA Reference

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