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Acacias of Australia

Acacia wilcoxii Maslin



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Acacia wilcoxii occurrence map.
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Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Known only from Tangadee, Landor, Erong Springs and Dalgety Downs Stns, (c. 250 km N to NW of Meekatharra) W.A.

Description

Much-branched **glabrous shrub**, 2–4 m high. **Branchlets ascending to erect, terete**, obscurely nerved, pale green when young, ageing greyish, often coarsely **spinose**. Phyllodes resembling **branchlets, erect, terete**, mostly 5–14 cm long, 1.5–2 mm diam., **acute**, coarsely **pungent**, thick, colour as on **branchlets**, very obscurely 4-nerved. Inflorescences **simple** and arising within the **axil** of phyllodes on new shoots or in racemes with **axes** 1–3 cm long; peduncles commonly twinned, 5–25 mm long; heads **globular**, 24–27-flowered. Flowers 5-**merous**; sepals united into a \pm **truncate calyx**. Pods **linear**, to 10.5 cm long, 4–6 mm wide, thinly **coriaceous**, dark brown. Seeds (slightly immature) **longitudinal**, broadly **elliptic** to broadly **ovate**, c. 4 mm long; **aril** pale yellow.

Habitat

Grows along watercourses and adjacent stony plains and low stony hills, in open or closed scrub.

Specimens

W.A.: Tangadee Stn, c. 5 km NE of HS on track to Ilgarari Outcamp, *B.R.Maslin* 5288 (CANB, G, MEL, NSW, PERTH); 20 km E of Dalgety Downs HS, *A.A.Mitchell* 1552 (CANB, PERTH).

Notes

Similar in habit and branchlets to *A. exocarpoides* and *A. microcalyx* but distinguished by its relatively long, terete, thick phyllodes.

FOA Reference

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