

## *Tephrosia oblongata* R.Br. ex Benth.

Family:  
Fabaceae

Bentham, G. (1864) *Flora Australiensis* 2: 205. Type: N. Australia. Islands of the gulf of Carpentaria, R. Brown.

### Stem

Usually flowers and fruits as a shrub about 1-2 m tall.

### Leaves

Terminal leaflet longer than the lateral leaflets. Terminal leaflet blade about 6.6-7.2 x 2-2.7 cm, stalk about 3-4 mm long. Lateral leaflet blades about 3.2-6.3 x 1.7-2.3 cm, stalks about 3-4 mm long. Stems, twigs, petioles and stipules densely clothed in hairs. Upper surface of the leaflet blades +/- glabrous except for the midribs. Stipules about 8 mm long.

### Flowers

Flowers about 10 x 8 mm. Outer surface of the calyx densely clothed in hairs. Calyx tube about 2 mm long, lobes unequal, about 2-3 mm long. Corolla lobes about 10 mm long. Stamens 10, the filaments of nine stamens fused to form a tube about 5-6 mm long open on one side. The filament of one stamen completely free from the others. Stamens alternately long and short. Ovary about 7-8 mm long, densely clothed in hairs. Ovules about nine per ovary.

### Fruit

Fruits linear, about 50-75 x 3-5 mm, clothed in sericeous hairs. Seeds about 10-12 per fruit.

### Seedlings

Features not available.

### Distribution and Ecology

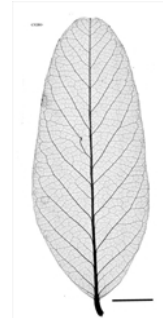
Occurs in WA, NT and the Gulf Region of NEQ. Altitudinal range not certain but probably extends from near sea level to 200 m. Grows in a variety of habitats, sometimes found in monsoon forest and vine thicket.

### Natural History & Notes

This species is of no grazing significance. Hacker (1990).

### RFK Code

3538



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