

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia depressa Maslin



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Acacia depressa occurrence map.
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Common Name

Echidna Wattle

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Highly localised near Lake Grace, south-western W.A.

Description

Prostrate shrub, forming mats to 5 cm high and 0.5 m or more across. Branchlets spinose, sparsely appressed-puberulous. Leaves bipinnate, ±glabrous; pinnae 1 pair, 2–4 mm long; petiole 3–4 mm long; pinnules 3–4 pairs, narrowly oblong to oblong-oblongate, 2–3 mm long, c. 1 mm wide, asymmetrically narrowed at apex, milky green to subglauous; gland near distal end of petiole, sessile. Inflorescences simple, 1 per axil; peduncles 10–20 mm long, glabrous or appressed-puberulous; heads globular, 12–15-flowered, light golden. Flowers 5-merous; sepals c. 3/4-united. Pods narrowly oblong, 1–2 cm long, c. 3 mm wide, ±firmly chartaceous; margins somewhat thickened. Seeds not seen.

Phenology

Flowers Dec.–Jan.

Habitat

Grows on laterite hills in scrub, open heath and low shrubland.

Specimens

W.A.: type locality, *M.D.Tindale 170 & B.R.Maslin* (NSW, PERTH).

Notes

A distinctive species on account of its prostrate habit, spinescent branchlets and unijugate leaves with long petioles. Precise affinities to other members of sect. *Pulchellae* are unclear, *vide* P.Guinet *et al.*, *Bot. J. Linn. Soc.* 80: 53–68 (1980).

Conservation

Gazetted a rare species in W.A.

FOA Reference

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