

WATTLE

Acacias of Australia

Acacia oraria F.Muell.



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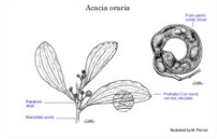
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Acacia oraria occurrence map.
Occurrence map generated via Atlas of Living
Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au>).

Family

Fabaceae

Distribution

Occurs in several disjunct areas along the eastern coast of Qld N of 22°S latitude, extending inland N of the Atherton Tableland. Also recorded from Flores and Timor, *vide* L.Pedley, *Contrib. Queensland Herb.* 18: 6 (1975).

Description

Spreading tree 3–10 m high. Bark fibrous, fissured. Branchlets white scurfy. Phyllodes inequilaterally obovate-oblongate to narrowly elliptic, 4.5–8 cm long and or rarely a few to c. 10 cm, 1.5–3.5 (–4.5) cm wide, rounded-obluse, glabrous, scurfy when young, with 3 or more distant main longitudinal nerves (the lowermost sometimes confluent with the lower margin at the base), prominently reticulate between main nerves; gland basal. Inflorescences axillary or sometimes terminal 3–5-branched racemes; raceme axes 8–18 mm long, scurfy; peduncles 4–11 mm long, scurfy; heads globular, scurfy in bud, ±5 mm diam., 30–45-flowered, cream to pale yellow. Flowers 5-merous; sepals 1/4–1/2-united. Pods openly coiled to twisted, to 12 cm long, 1–1.5 cm wide, scurfy, margins prominent. Seeds longitudinal, ±4 mm long; areole closed; aril/funicle (3/4–) wholly encircling seed, red or orange.

Habitat

Grows in sand along beaches and inland along streams.

Specimens

Qld: Trinity Beach, Cairns, *J.R.Maconochie 1713* (BRI *n.v.*, DNA *n.v.*, PERTH); between Cooktown and Lakeland, c. 21 km from Lakeland, *J.Moriarty 231* (FRI *n.v.*, PERTH).

Notes

In coastal areas of Qld the aril is red whereas further inland it is greenish orange.

Related to *A. webbia* and seemingly also to *A. melanoxylon*.

FOA Reference

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