

Acacia ayersiana x incurvaneura

This seemingly rare entity is noted in Maslin & Reid (2012: 189).

Salient features. Large shrubs. Branchlets with moderately thick, transversely segmented opaque-resinous ribs towards apices, the resin absent or vestigial on older branchlets. New shoots resinous, the resin opaque. Phyllodes very narrowly elliptic, (4.5–) 5–8 (–11) cm long, 3–4 mm wide, shallowly recurved, discrete marginal nerve resinous. Flowers and pods not seen.

Distribution and specimens seen. Known from only two sterile specimens from the Pilbara region (central Hamersley Range near West Angelas), namely, *M.E. Trudgen* 17613 and 17615.

Affinities. *Acacia ayersiana x incurvaneura* is similar to *A. ayersiana* (hybrid) in having narrow phyllodes (3–4 mm wide) with well-developed resinous margins but is most reliably distinguished by the opaque resin which occurs on the expanding phyllodes of the new shoots. Opaque resin is normal for *A. incurvaneura* but never occurs in *A. ayersiana* (which, when resinous, has translucent resin). Also, the phyllodes of *A. aneura x incurvaneura* are shallowly recurved; in *A. ayersiana* (hybrid) the phyllodes are normally shallowly incurved, only rarely shallowly recurved.

Note. The specimen, *B.R. Maslin et al.* BRM 9270, that was cited in Maslin & Reid (2012: 189) is now regarded as *A. ayersiana* (hybrid).

(B.R. Maslin)