

Plant of the Month – March 2014

Acacia cyclocarpa



Acacia cyclocarpa is most closely related to *A. trachycarpa* which is common in the Pilbara region c. 1,000 km south-west of *A. cyclocarpa*. It is distinguished from *A. trachycarpa* by its low sprawling growth form, broader pods and larger seeds.

A. cyclocarpa is a Priority Three taxon originally listed under the name *A.*

sp. Pitta Creek (M.D. Barrett 1840).

The specific epithet is derived from the Greek *kyklos* (Latin *cyclus*), a circle or ring, and *karpos*, a fruit, in allusion to the pods which are prominently curved into an open circle or coil. The suggested common name is “Ring-pod Minni Ritchi”. *A. cyclocarpa* was described by Bruce Maslin, Matthew Barrett and Russell Barrett in our journal *Nuytsia*, from which much of this text is transcribed. This paper includes detailed taxonomic of a further 12 newly described taxa from the north-western Kimberley area of Western Australia.

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