PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia rivalis J. Black

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Silver Wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Gum

The seeds are ground and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub 4-6 m high. It spreads to 3-6 m across. The branches stick upwards while the smaller branches hang downwards. The leaves (phyllodes) are 4-14 cm long by 0.5 cm across. They are curved, smooth and shiny. They have one vein ending in a curved tip. The flower heads are balls. They are small and yellow. The flower stalks occur one per leaf angle and they are covered with white hairs. The pods are 7-12 cm long by 0.5 cm across. They are almost straight or slightly curved. They are brown and constricted like a string of beads.

HABITAT

It grows beside streams. It requires well drained soils. The soil can be of light to medium texture. They will grow in light shade or full sunlight. They are drought and frost tolerant. They can grow on alkaline soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.

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