PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia dealbata Link

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Silver wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Flowers

The flowers are the source of mimosa absolute used to flavour baked goods, drinks, dairy foods and puddings. It is also the source of gum arabic.
The gum was dissolved in water to make a sweet drink.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. The bark is smooth and grey. The twigs and young leaves have silvery hairs. The leaves are twice divided. They are bluish-green. They have 8-10 pairs of primary divisions and then many small narrow leaflets. The flowers are bright yellow. They are in small 5-6 mm heads. These make up large panicles at the ends of branches. The pods are narrow and 40-100 mm long. They are flattened and brown with a bluish bloom.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can grow on stony soils and creekbanks. Tasmania Herbarium. Arboretum Tasmania. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from treated seed.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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