PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia bivenosa DC.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Dune wattle, Small cooba, Umbrella wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Oil

The seeds have been eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen spreading shrub. It grows to 3-4 m high and spreads to 2-5 m across. The stems are erect and branching. The small branches are covered with a bluish bloom. The leaves (phyllodes) are long and taper to a curved tip. They can be 3-8 cm long. At the broadest end they are 1.5 cm wide. The flowers are yellowish orange balls. Flowers are common on the last 20-30 cm of the small branches. The pods are brown and 7-8 cm long. They are narrow (0.9 cm), flat and leathery.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It grows in alkaline well drained sands. It prefers open sunny positions. It is drought and frost resistant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed. The seed need to have the hard seed coat broken. Normally this is by putting the seeds in very hot water and letting the water cool down overnight then planting the seeds immediately.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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