PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia mearnsii De Wild.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Late black wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Seeds

The gum is eaten and dissolved in water and used to make drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A tall wattle tree. It grows 3-15 m high. It usually branches near the ground. The crown is rounded. The bark is brown and rough on the main trunks. There are fine yellow hairs on young twigs and growing tips. The leaves are dark green. The leaves are feathery. The flowers are pale yellow. They are in round heads. They are usually in clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are straight pods. These have fine hairs. The pods are constricted between the seeds.

HABITAT

It grows naturally on black peaty soils, brown sandy clays and along riverbanks and swampy flats. It is best in full sun. Tasmania Herbarium. Arboretum Tasmania. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from treated seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The gum oozes from the trunk when damaged.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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