PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia stipuligera F. Muell.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Scrubwattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Gum

The seed are eaten. They are pounded into flour before eating. The gum is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub 2-3 m high. The young shoots are hairy and red. The leaves (phyllodes) are 2-5 cm long by 0.6-1.4 cm wide. They are oblong and curved. They are leathery and sticky. They are dark green and have a small hook at the tip. At the base of the leaves there is a clearly seen bract like attachment. It is brown. The flower heads are rods. They are 2.5-5 cm long. Many occur and they are bright yellow. The flower stalk is hairy. The pods are 5-7 cm long by 0.2-0.3 cm wide. They are twisted and leathery. The pods are hairy. The seeds have a reasonably soft coat.

HABITAT

It grows in the northern part of Australia. It gets killed by summer fires. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

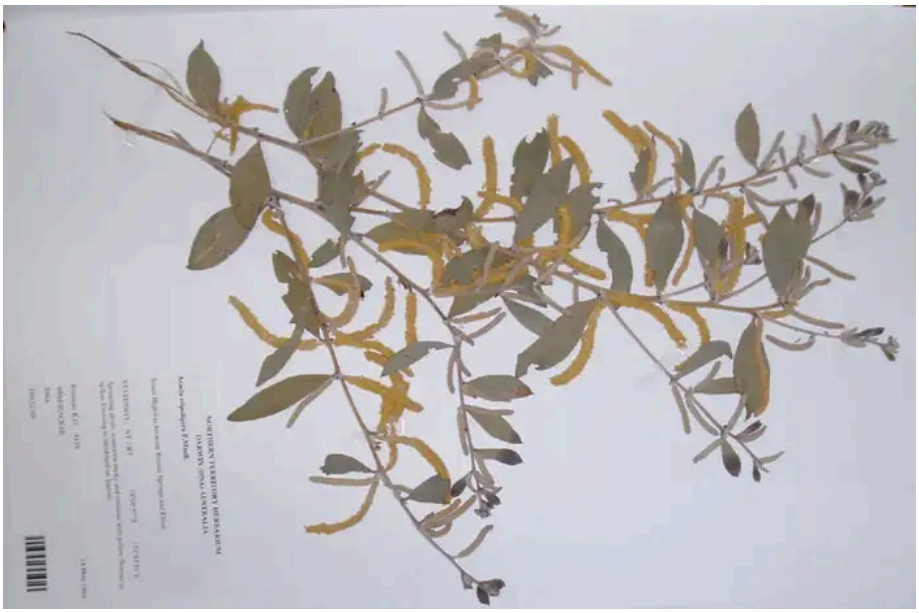
Harvesting and Seed Production

A quick growing but relatively short lived shrub.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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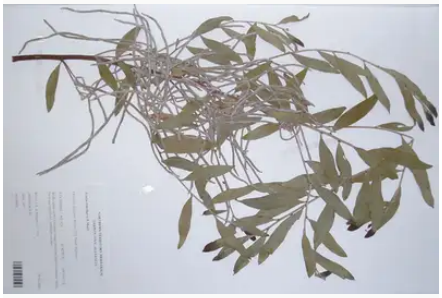

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