PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia georginae Bailey

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Georgina gidgee

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Grubs

The gum is eaten. (Due to fluoracetic acid the pods, seeds and leaves are poisonous including to stock.)

DESCRIPTION

A medium to tall shrub. The bark is thick and rough. The branches are often very crooked. The leaves (phyllodes) are 5-8 cm long by 0.6-0.8 cm wide. They taper towards each end and are thickened. They are curved and covered with coarse hairs. There is a small point at the tip. There are 2-4 prominent veins. They are grey green. The flower heads are balls. They are small and yellow. They occur in the angles of leaves. Several occur together. The leaves and flowers have a bad smell especially during wet weather. The pods are 5-10 cm long by 2 cm across. They are flat and curved. The pods have easy to see veins.

HABITAT

Plants naturally occur in clumps together along streams. They occur on loam soils and heavy clay soils. It is very drought and frost resistant. It suits hot arid areas. (Rainfall 22-28 cm and temperatures of over 23°C mean maximum.)

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing and long lived.

NOTES

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

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