PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia ancistrocarpa Maiden & Blakely

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Fish hook wattle, Fitzroy wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The young green and the dry seed are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall slender shrub. It grows 1-3 m high. The young shoots are sticky and pale coloured. The leaves (phyllodes) are long and thin. They are 8-18 cm long by 0.3-0.5 cm wide. They are bright green and shiny. Along their length they have one clear vein. The flower heads are like rods and 1.5 to 2 cm long. They are bright yellow and on short stalks. The pods are long (5-7.5 cm) and thin (0.5-1.2 cm). The end of the pod is hooked like a fish hook. The pods are leathery and with a wavy edge.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It needs a well drained soil and a sunny position. It suits semiarid locations.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

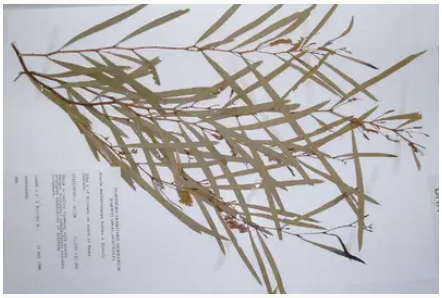
NOTES

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

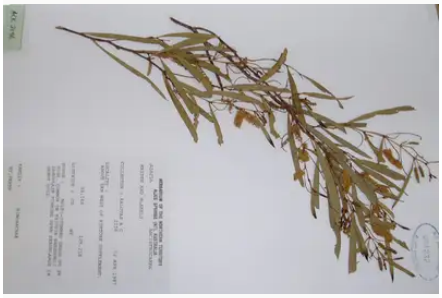
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