PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia sclerosperma F. Muell.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Limestone wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows to 8 m high and spreads 4 m across. The stem is tall and erect. It has an open textured crown. The leaves (phyllodes) are light green to bluish grey. They are narrow and veined. They have a rounded tip. They are 5-15 cm long and thin like pine needles. The flower heads are yellow balls. They occur in loose clusters. The pods are broad. They are constricted between the seed.

HABITAT

A tree which grows naturally in Western Australia. It prefers light to medium soils. It needs an open sunny position. It is drought and salt tolerant. It may be damaged by frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

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

Harvesting and Seed Production

The tree flowers from April to December.

NOTES

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

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