PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia myrtifolia (Smith) Willd.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Myrtle wattle, Red-stem wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

The leaves are used as a hops substitute in beer making.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m high. The young branches are smooth. The leaves (phyllodes) are fleshy and up to 6 cm long. The flowers are as 3-6 in a head. The fruit is a narrow curved pod. It can be 6 cm long. There is a thick nerve along the edge.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is resistant to frost. It can grow in alkaline soils. Hobart Botanical gardens. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from treated seeds.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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