PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia notabilis F. Muell.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Black wattle, Flinder's wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows to 4 m high and 2 m across. The stem is smooth and erect. The branches hang downwards. The leaves (phyllodes) are greyish-green. They are thick and leathery. Leaves are 5-15 cm long and 0.5-2.5 cm wide. They are blunt at the end. There is one vein and along the edges here are vein like structures. The flowers are golden balls. They are about 1 cm across. They appear in large dense clusters. The pods are straight. They are 3-7 cm long and narrow (1 cm). They are flat but raised over the seeds. They have a thickened nerve like edge.

HABITAT

It occurs naturally in Australia. It prefers medium to light soils. It requires an open sunny position. It is drought and frost resistant. It suits hot dry locations. It grows in areas with rainfall between 25 and 50 mm. In the Inland Botanical Gardens Mildura.

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.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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