PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia brachystachya Benth.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Umbrella mulga, Turpentine Mulga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

It is an evergreen shrub. It grows to 3-6 m tall and spreads to 2-6 m wide. The stem is erect and it has many branches which hang down. The branches start just above ground level. The leaves (phyllodes) are thin, covered with bluish bloom and about 5-20 cm long. They are like pine needles and stiff and erect. They are greyish-green. The flowers are golden spikes. They are 1.5-3 cm long. The pods are brown. They are 2-8 cm long and 0.2-0.7 cm wide. They are straight, swollen, hairy and leathery.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It prefers dry stony well drained soils. It is native to central Australia. It needs an open sunny position. It is drought and frost resistant.

PRODUCTION

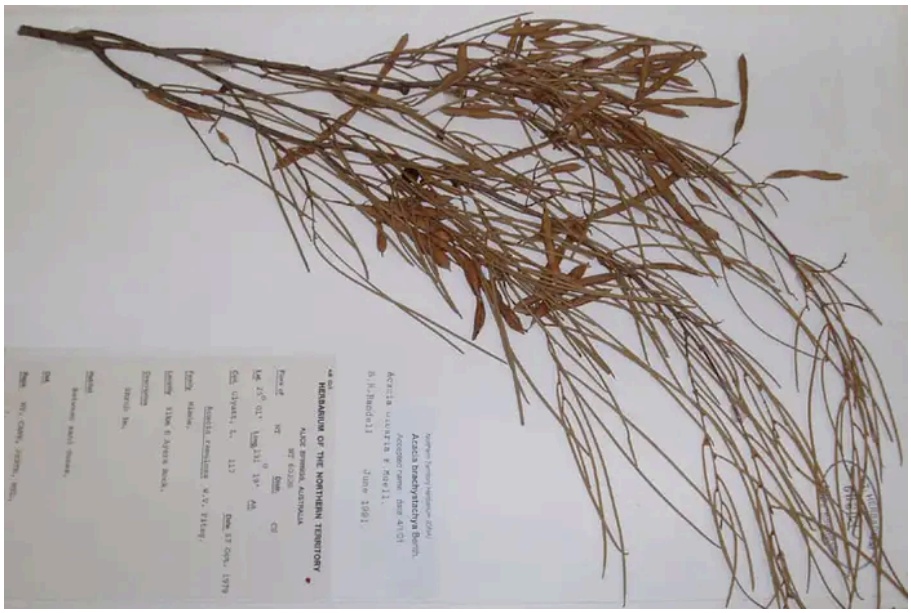
Cultivation

It is grown from seed. The seed needs 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. It can be grown from cuttings.

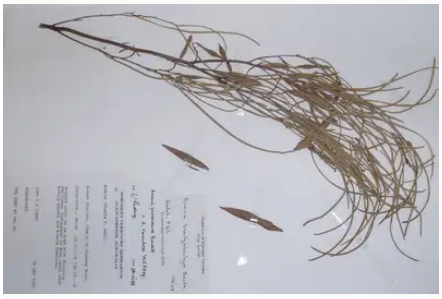
NOTES

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

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