PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia calcicola Forde & Ising

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Northern Myall, Shrubby mulga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Ash - chewing

The ash is used to make a chewing ball along with leaves containing nicotine to increase the effect.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub or tree. It often branches near the ground. The bark is thick and rough. The young shoots are yellow or bronze in colour. They are sticky. The leaves (phyllodes) are 5-11 cm long by 0.2-1 cm wide. They are often curved and silvery. They are marked with narrow lines or ridges. The end has a small hook. The flower heads are round and bright yellow. Often they are carried as single flowers but can also be in long flowers stalks up to 28 cm long. These flower stalks can also have there own leaves (phyllodes). The pods are long and thin (5-10 cm by 0.5-0.6 cm) and slightly curved. The pods are squeezed in between the seeds and are woody when mature.

HABITAT

It occurs in inland Australia. It grows on calcareous or neutral soils. It is a very hardy plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowering is August to November with pods from November to December.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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