PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia palustris Luehm.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Needlewood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pods, Seeds

The young pods are cooked and eaten whole. The mature seeds are ground into flour then cooked as a damper.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree 2-3 m high. The bark is black. The leaves (phyllodes) are like needle up to 10 cm long and they point downwards. The flower heads are rods about 1 cm long. They are yellow. They occur on short stems. The pods are flat and slightly curved. They are 8-20 cm long and constricted between the seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in Western Australia. It is in open country. It is often along creeks and in swampy places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

NOTES

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

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