PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia oshanesii F. Muell. & Maiden

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES A Silver Wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers can be fried and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows to 10-20 m high and 3-10 m across. The stem is erect. The branches hang down. They are covered with brown hairs. The leaves (phyllodes) are light green and finely divided. They have a feather-like appearance. The larger leaf parts are in 11-18 pairs and these are 2-5 cm long. The secondary leaflets have 15-40 pairs and these are 0.4-0.6 cm by 0.1-0.3 cm. They are dark green above and pale green underneath. The leaf stalk is long and rigid. The leaf can be 12 cm long. The flowers are light yellow balls. They occur in large clusters at the ends of branches. The pods are brown. They can be 10-15 cm long and 1 cm wide. They are flat and hard and leathery.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. This tree occurs naturally in eastern Australia. It prefers light to medium soils. It requires an open sunny position. It is drought and frost resistant. It often grows along the edges of streams.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers throughout the year.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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