PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia salicina Lindley

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Coobah, Willow Wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed are eaten. They are ground into flour and made into bread.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or tree. It grows to 4-12 m tall and with a spread of 3-5 m. The stem is erect and has suckers. The tree has a rounded crown. The branches hang downwards almost reaching the ground. This gives the tree a willow like appearance. The leaves (phyllodes) are long, green and narrow. They have a single vein. They can be 5-20 cm long and 0.5-1 cm wide. They are thick. The flower heads are pale yellow balls. They occur in small sprays of 2-5 balls. The pods are brown. They are 2-7 cm long by 0.6 cm wide and straight. They are constricted between the seeds. They are thick and woody.

HABITAT

It grows in Mediterranean climate places. It occurs naturally in mainland Australia. It can grow on many soils but prefers heavy clays. It requires an open sunny position. It is drought and frost resistant. They are mostly found along streams. They are very hardy. It can grow in semi arid places but benefits from water during the dry season. It normally occurs south of 20°S latitude. It probably does best where summers are hot and rainfall is 35-55 mm. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 8-9.

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. The plants spread by suckers. Because of the range of climates where it will grow, it is best to collect seeds from within the area where it is to be produced.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly. The flowers occur June to October and the pods mature August to December.

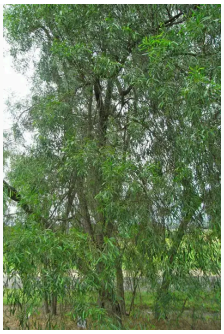
NOTES

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

PICTURES



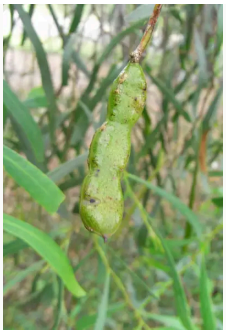
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