PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia olgana Maconochie

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Mt Olga wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grubs

The seed is eaten. They are ground in water to make a paste.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub or tree. It grows 3-15 m high. The bark is flaky and grey brown. The small branches are red with a white pattern. The leaves (phyllodes) are 6-15 cm long by 0.2-0.5 cm wide. They can be curved or straight. They are shiny and flat. They have many veins. The flower heads are like rods about 2 cm long. They are yellow and without stalks. They occur as one or two in the leaf axils. The pods are 4-7 cm long by 0.3-0.4 cm wide. They are smooth, shiny and papery.

HABITAT

It grows in subtropical locations. It occurs in the ranges of central Australia. It suits dry arid conditions. It needs good drainage and a sunny position.

PRODUCTION

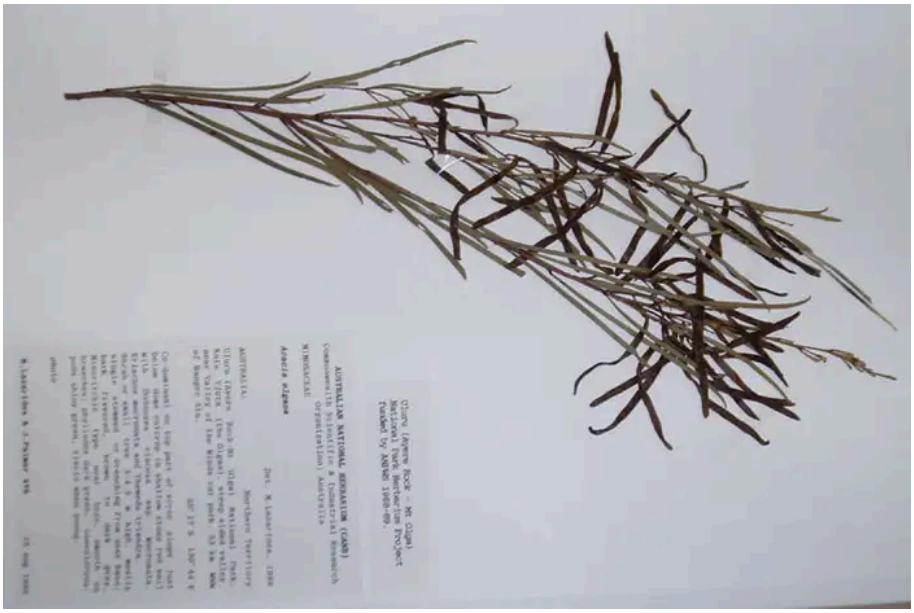
Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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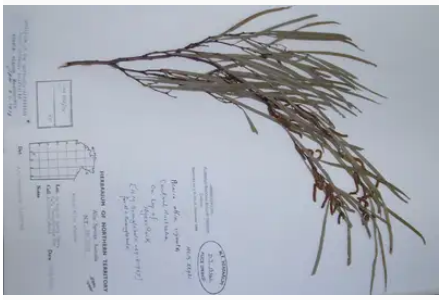

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