PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia leiophylla Benth. in Hook.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Coast Golden wattle, Smooth-leaf wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

The gum is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized shrub. The branches are slender and round in cross section except near the tip. The leaves (phyllodes) are smooth. They are 15 cm by 2.5 cm. The are broadest above the middle. They a re curved and with a prominent midrib. There is a prominent gland on the upper surface near the base. The flower heads are bright yellow. They are a cluster of about 20 round heads. The pods are 12.5 cm by 0.5 cm. They are straight and raised over the seeds. They are smooth and dark brown.

HABITAT

It suits a Mediterranean type climate. They will grow in most soils. They can grow on limestone soils. They need reasonably good sunlight.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are 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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