



PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia cowleana Tate

GENUS *Acacia* FAMILY Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Hall's Creek wattle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are ground into flour and mixed with water then eaten raw. (Damper made from the seeds is claimed to cause headaches.)

DESCRIPTION

It is a rather spindly shrub up to 5-7 m tall. The small branches are 3 sided. The leaves (phyllodes) are sickle shaped. They are 8-20 cm long and 0.9-2.4 cm wide. The young leaves are often covered with soft hairs. The leaves have veins running along the length of them. The flowers are dense spikes. They are yellow. The spikes are 1.5 to 4 cm long. They are on stalks 4-12 mm long. The pods are 7.5-12 cm long and curved. They are narrow (0.3-0.4 cm), flat and not twisted. They are densely clustered together. The pods are raised over the seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy soils. It needs good drainage and a sunny position. Usually occurs on sandy or stony soils. It suits warm semi-arid regions. It can stand long periods of drought. It grows in Northern Australia. It cannot tolerate fire. It cannot tolerate frost. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed. The seed need hot water treatment.

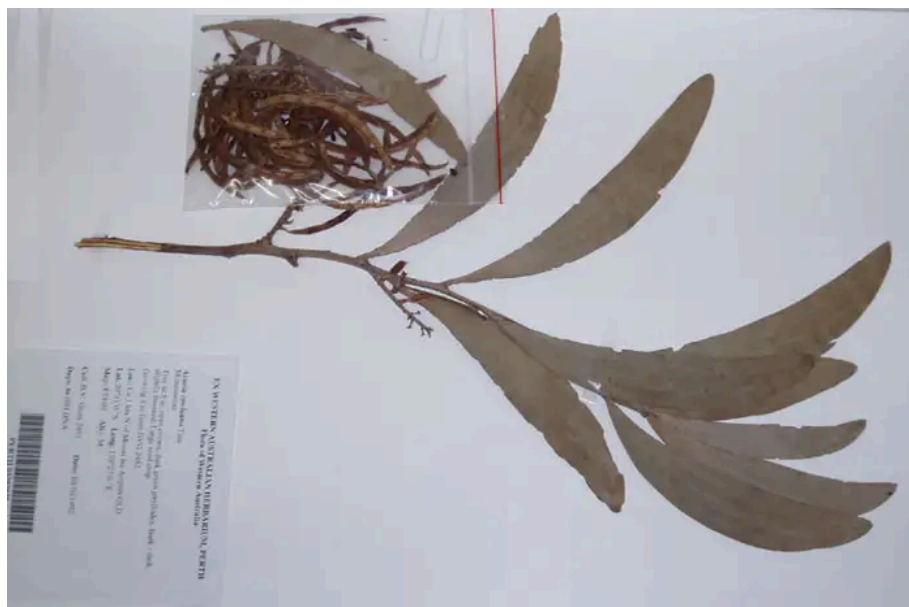
Harvesting and Seed Production

Seeds are produced in late spring after flowers in May to August. It is a quick growing but short lived shrub.

NOTES

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

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