

Botanical Name: Acacia longifolia (Acacia latifolia)

Common Name: Sydney golden wattle

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright to spreading, mostly single-trunked plant, with arching and spreading branches forming a dense rounded canopy; outer branches are sometimes pendulous

Height 10-20' (30') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil well-draining soils are established; avoid wet adobe

Hardiness some frost (zones 8,9,14-24); grows best in warm sun

Morphology:

Leaves phyllodes: alternate, narrowly elliptic or oval; 3-6" long, bright green, leathery

Flowers yellow, tiny, in 2-3" long spikes; axillary; March-June

Fruit a pod: 3-5" long; not strongly constricted between seeds

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: a very widely used plant, suitable as a fast-growing background mass or screen; for erosion control on slopes; easily pruned

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; becomes fairly drought-tolerant; very susceptible to over-watering

Fertilizing balanced, in spring and late summer

Pruning as a shrub, very little as a tree, head high when young

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Eastern Australia Family: Fabaceae