

Botanical Name: Acacia dealbata (A. decurrens dealbata)

Common Name: Silver wattle

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, bank-growing tree with spreading to umbrella-shaped canopy silvery foliage is somewhat hairy towards the ends of the branches

Height 30-60' Spread 20-50' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun, performs poorly in shade

Soil prefers a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 9,9,14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves bi-pinnately compound, alternate 4-8" long -- finely divided into 10-30 pairs of pinnae with 16-70 pairs of small silvery leaflets

Flowers yellow rounded "puff balls" 1/4" diameter - spring

Fruit pod, 3-4" long, contracted between seeds

Propagation: seed

Usage: fast growing shade tree, good in dry areas, slopes,

"native" landscapes -- best used in informal large-scale background plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers to be kept dry -- little needed after establishment

Fertilizing none

Pruning head high, thin canopy occasionally to prevent wind damage

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained areas

Special Conditions

Origin: E.Australia Family: Fabaceae