

Botanical Name: Acacia melanoxylon

Common Name: Blackwood acacia

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked tree, with a more upright habit  
than most Acacia species; the fairly short side branches form a dense oval or  
pyramidal canopy in youth; canopy eventually becomes more rounded with age

Height 30-40' (60') Spread 1/3 - 1/2 Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most except poorly-drained clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,13-24); thrives in hot interior valleys

Morphology:

Leaves phyllodes (modified petioles), alternate or whorled (mostly  
at the ends of the branches); elliptic - falcate, 2-4" long; dark green

Flowers creamy yellow, many-stamened, lack petals, in short axil-  
lary racemes; March - April

Fruit a pod: 2-2 1/2" long; dull dark gray-brown

Propagation: seed

Usage: a fast growing street tree; used for background groves  
or windscreens; best suited for large-area landscapes or for quick effects

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak - drought tolerant after  
established

Fertilizing little is required

Pruning head high if access under canopy is desired

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Fabaceae