

Botanical Name: Acacia baileyana

Common Name: Bailey acacia, Golden Mimosa

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright to irregular, single or multi-trunked plant, with spreading branches forming a loose open rounded canopy; bark is smooth, gray

Height 15-30' Spread equal or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial

Soil requires a well-draining habitat

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 13-24); thrives in warm coastal areas

Morphology:

Leaves bipinnately compound, 1-3" long, alternate, each leaf has 2-5 pairs of 1/2" long pinnae; each has 20-30 pairs of tiny, long, oval leaflets

Flowers yellow, many-stamened, in tiny 1/8" heads which are packed on 3-4" long racemes; both axillary and terminal; Jan.-April

Fruit a pod: 2-4" long, somewhat constricted between the seeds

Propagation: seed

Usage: a graceful small accent tree, valued for its gray foliage and profuse flower display; excellent for slopes, as large informal screen, or small patio tree; not suitable as a lawn tree

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak preferred; avoid heavy irrigation

Fertilizing very little required after establishment

Pruning develop open widespread framework; keep canopy thinned out

Pests/Diseases relatively free; may harbor aphids, mealy bugs in shade

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Fabaceae