

Northern Wattle



FAMILY: : Mimosaceae

HABIT: A small to medium tree with a fairly dense, rounded crown. Bark on older trees is deeply furrowed.

LEAVES: The 'leaves', around 12-21 x 1-2.5cm, have 3 prominent, yellowish, longitudinal veins with parallel secondary veins, spaced about 1mm apart.

FLOWER/FRUIT: In winter, the bright yellow flowers are borne in moderately dense, paired spikes, 5-7cm long. The narrow pods, about 12cm x 3mm, are somewhat coiled and flat but raised over the seeds. The seeds are longitudinal in the pod and have a yellow-orange funicle which is folded many times forming an aril almost as long as the seed. Fruits from September to October.

PROPAGATION: Remove seeds from pods and treat with hot water before sowing.

LOCAL HABITAT: Beach scrub /open forest woodland.

DISTRIBUTION: Coastal belt from central Queensland to Cape York; Northern Territory and Western Australia.



GENERAL: The hard, close-grained timber is decorative and useful for turnery and cabinet work. A heavy flowering tree. Grows in well drained, sandy soils.



REFERENCES: Alcock & Champion, 1989 *One Hundred and One Trees of Mackay*.