

Sim's Wattle



FAMILY: Mimosaceae

HABIT: Bushy erect shrub to 4m high. Bark smooth, grey and sometimes mottled.

LEAVES: Linear, tapered phyllodes (foliage) 5-14cm long and 2-7mm wide.

FLOWER/FRUIT: Golden flowers in balls along the stem at intervals during summer. The dark brown pods are 5-8cm long x 4-7 mm, prominently raised over the dark brown seeds and constricted between them. Mature pods persists on the tree over a long period.

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

LOCAL HABITAT: Open forest and woodlands; also adjacent to mangrove communities.

DISTRIBUTION: Central Queensland coast extending north to New Guinea and Northern Territory.

GENERAL: Sweetly perfumed flowers. Adaptable to a variety of well drained soils.

REFERENCES: Turnbull ed, 1986 *Multipurpose Australian Trees & Shrubs: lesser known species for fuelwood & agroforestry.*