

Acacia baileyana

COMMON NAME

Cootamundra wattle

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Acacia baileyana F.Muell.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Waste places and scrubland.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Small to fairly large tree with bipinnate glaucous leaves. The cultivated variety "purpurea" is also widely grown, this has purple-tinged leaves but is not known to be naturalised. Flowers consist of numerous globose mid-yellow heads in racemes exceeding the leaves. The seed pod is more or less straight, up to 100 x 20 mm.

SIMILAR TAXA

Easily distinguished from other naturalised wattles by the glaucous leaves with small, unequal pinnae.

FLOWERING

June, July, August.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces from seed. Huge numbers of flowers are produced on plants as young as 2 years old. This results in high seed production. Germination is enhanced by fire or mechanical disturbance. Widely spread as a cultivated plant. Seed dispersed a short distance from parent plant by wind and gravity.

YEAR NATURALISED

1981

ORIGIN

N.S.W (Australia)

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Forestry

TOLERANCES

Can tolerate a wide variety of conditions, does particularly well in dry areas.

ETYMOLOGY

acacia: Derived from Greek 'akazo' to sharpen, meaning point; spine or thorn.



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