

**plant type**

- native trees and shrubs

**water hardiness**



# Acacia mearnsii

## black wattle

A fast growing medium sized tree growing to 20m in height. The bipinnate foliage is dark green on top, paler underneath, with fine downy hairs. Creamy yellow ball-shaped flowers in spring.



**top ten**

coastal gardens

**project type**

urban and commercial residential erosion control farm forestry and agriculture

**soil type and drainage**

light - sandy soils  
medium - loamy soils  
heavy - clay soils  
good drainage  
reasonable drainage

<b>origin</b>	NSW, ACT, Vic, Tas, SA.
<b>cultural notes</b>	A hardy plant that adapts to most soil types. Grow in full sun or part shade.
<b>maintenance</b>	Can suffer serious damage from borers.
<b>tolerates</b>	Tolerant of frost, drought and poor soils.
<b>flowering season</b>	Spring.
<b>flower colour</b>	Creamy yellow ball shaped flower heads in clusters.
<b>foliage colour</b>	Dark green bipinnate foliage with fine downy hairs. One of the Acacia species that retains bipinnate foliage throughout its life.
<b>width</b>	up to 4m
<b>height</b>	up to 20m
<b>plant spacing</b>	200cm apart
<b>recommended uses</b>	A useful pioneer revegetation species, good for erosion control, soil improver through nitrogen fixing. A handy fast growing screen or windbreak.

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