

Cootamundra Wattle



Acacia baileyana

Early Black Wattle



Acacia decurrens

Friend or Foe?

A Guide to Fern-leaf Wattles in North Central Victoria



WHITE WAXY BLOOM ON FOLIAGE
FEW LEAFLETS

SEED PODS

SEEDS x5



WIDELY SPACED NARROW PINNULES (LEAVES)

BRANCHLETS WITH VERY PROMINENT WING-LIKE RIDGES

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Five types of fern-leaf (bi-pinnate) wattles are commonly found in North Central Victoria.

Two of these, Cootamundra Wattle and Early Black Wattle, are introduced from New South Wales. Both can invade bushland, compete with local plants and alter habitat.

BEWARE! THE COOTAMUNDRU WATTLE SHOULD NOT BE GROWN IN THIS AREA.

Large shrub native to NSW.

FLOWERS: bright lemon-yellow, from July-August.
FOLIAGE: green-greyish; fewer leaflet pairs than most other species; only one gland at base of leaflet pair.

BEWARE! THE EARLY BLACK WATTLE SHOULD NOT BE GROWN IN THIS AREA.

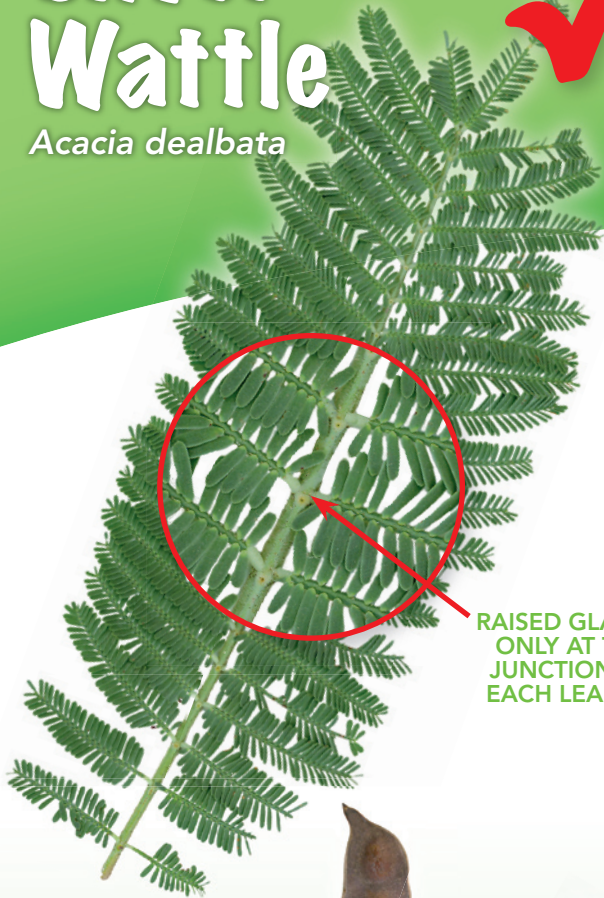
Small to medium tree native to NSW.

FLOWERS: bright yellow, from August-September.
FOLIAGE: bright green, narrow, widely separated 'leaves' only one gland per leaflet pair.



Silver Wattle

Acacia dealbata



RAISED GLANDS ONLY AT THE JUNCTION OF EACH LEAFLET

SEED PODS



SEEDS x5



Suckering small to medium tree mainly in southern areas and associated with moist soils; but extending along moist gullies and major streams in the drier north.

FLOWERS: bright yellow, conspicuously displayed, from August-September

FOLIAGE: many leaflets, from grey to dull green (paler than *A. mearnsii*).

Late Black Wattle

Acacia mearnsii



ADDITIONAL GLANDS IRREGULARLY SPACED BETWEEN EACH PAIR OF LEAFLETS

SEED PODS



SEEDS x5

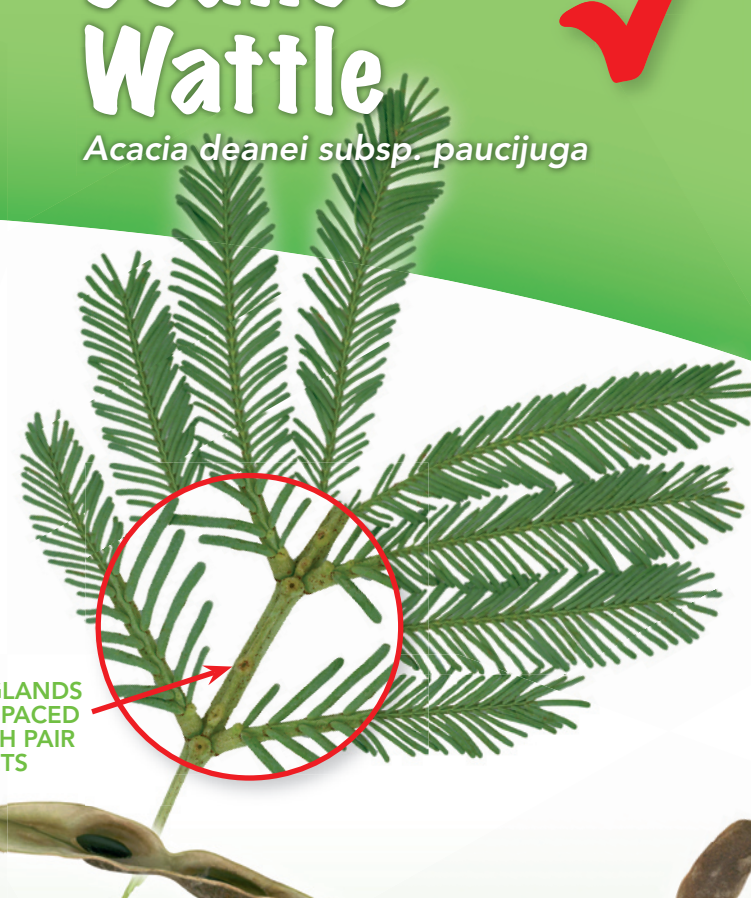
Small to medium tree usually in undulating to hilly country often associated with deeper, fertile soils. Not found in the dry north.

FLOWERS: pale cream-yellow, hidden amongst foliage, in November.

FOLIAGE: dull green (darker than *A. dealbata*)

Deane's Wattle

Acacia deanei subsp. *paucijuga*



SEED PODS



SEEDS x5

Medium to large shrub or small tree found mainly in granite rises and hills in drier areas, eg Pyramid Hill, Kingower.

FLOWERS: pale cream-yellow, mostly in December.

FOLIAGE: pale dull green; few leaflets.