



Acacia flavescens - family: MIMOSACEAE

PRIMROSE BALL WATTLE

Medium tree to approximately 8m
Flowers are yellow puffballs from autumn to winter
Fruit is a flat, winged pod with bird-attracting seeds

Cultivation: Hardy in well-drained coastal soils but can be grown on deeper/heavier soils as long as they are well drained; frost tolerant and resistant to salt spray.

This small wattle is found growing in eucalypt forests and favours the coastal heaths and sandy soils near the sea. The bark is rough, furrowed and somewhat shaggy. The tree is easily recognised by the broad scimitar-shaped outline of its leaves and the three prominent veins. The colour of the young foliage ranges from an attractive maroon to gold.



Clusters of primrose-yellow ball flowers appear in sometimes leafy panicles to 30 cm from summer to autumn.

The fruit which follows is a winged pod which attract parrots and other seed eating birds. Endemic to Queensland, occurs from the Cape York Peninsula, NE Queensland and southwards as far as SE Queensland. Usually grows in open forest but also found on the margins of rainforest.