Mudgee Wattle

Acacia spectabilis

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Glory Wattle, Pilliga Wattle, Golden Wattle

Description:

A large, graceful shrub or small tree with silvery-white branches that weep at the tips; feathery, bright green foliage is almost fern like; lightly scented, bright yellow flowers appear in late winter to spring; drought tolerant once established



Mudgee Wattle in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Mudgee Wattle features showy racemes of lightly-scented yellow ball-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring. It has attractive light green foliage with hints of silver. The tiny narrow bipinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain light green throughout the winter. The fruits are showy brown pods displayed from mid summer to mid fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up. The smooth gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Mudgee Wattle flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Mudgee Wattle is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny
- Self-Seeding

Mudgee Wattle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Mudgee Wattle will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..