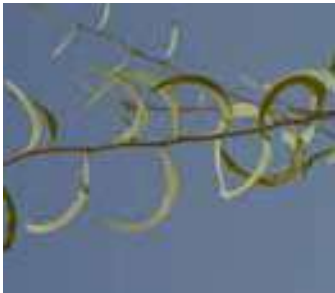


Prickly Wattle, *Bramble Wattle*

A. victoriae is a widespread native acacia of Western Australia, commonly found on sedimental deposits such as floodplains, along watercourses or alluvial flats, but also on rocky hillsides and ridges. It is a nitrogen-fixing shrub or small tree with multi-stems from or near ground level, favouring soils that are well drained and often alkaline, including clayey alluvials and saline loams: it is moderately salt-tolerant. As such, it has potential for more widescale use in the Arriyadh region. Foliage consists of dull blue-green phyllodes which are slightly curved and have a waxy appearance. The strongly scented, cream-coloured puffball flowers occur profusely during early spring. Mature, papery pods remain prominent on the tree until early summer. Frost tolerant to -5°C and sensitive to waterlogged soils, *A. victoriae* is known to be moderately tolerant of protracted droughts, although killed when drought is severe, unless deep watering is carried out. Its root system is moderate to deep. The tree is short-lived, less than 15 years, while the growth rate is moderate to slow. Propagation is by scarified or boiled seed. This acacia is an elegant garden or screening plant and makes an excellent windbreak. Sometimes forming thickets, it is also used to prevent erosion and remediate mine sites. The tree forms root suckers. There is a high potential for the tree to become weedy or invasive. With a low maintenance requirement, it will withstand clipping well. When blooming and seeding, this tree needs supplemental irrigation.



GENERAL

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| Origin | : Mediterranean, sub-tropical, tropical |
| Humidity | : semi-arid, semi-humid |
| Propagation | : sowing and pricking out |
| Maintenance | : low |

CONDITIONS

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| Urban climate | : resistant |
| Dessication | : resistant |
| Stagnant water | : resistant |
| Irrigation | : low |
| Salinity/ppm | : moderate (3000 ppm) |
| Hardiness | : -6°C |

SHAPE

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| Type | : shrub, tree |
| Height | : 2 m-9 m |
| Spread | : 3 m-7 m |
| Foliage | : evergreen |

FLOWER

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| Colour | : pale yellow |
| Size | : 0.7 cm |
| Period | : March - June |
| Smell | : pleasantly scented, flower |

FRUIT

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| Type of fruit | : pod |
| Fruit size | : 8 cm |