

Black Wattle

Acacia mearnsii

When to look:

Throughout year; flowers
September to December

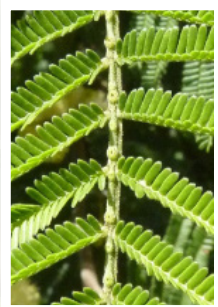
Spreading tree
5-15m tall.
Blackish, rough
trunk, pale yellow
flowers Sep - Dec

Similar species:

Acacia dealbata (Silver Wattle) has grey-green leaves with glands at the base of the pinnae only. Generally flowers earlier than *A. mearnsii* (Gowers 1990).

Acacia decurrens (Early Black Wattle) - introduced species from NSW - branches are angled and its dark green foliage has well separated pinnae (little leaves) (Gowers 1990).

Descriptions are for Victoria and my not apply to other states



Bipinnate leaves with raised glands at the junction of and between each pinnae (little leaf)



Seed pods dark brown to black, strongly constricted between seeds

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