

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Silver Wattle

Acacia dealbata

FAST FACTS

Tree	
Family:	Mimosaceae Wattle
Size:	6m H x 5m W
Position:	Sunny
Soil:	Any
Flowers:	Late winter
Fruits:	Purple-brown pods
Care:	Low maintenance

Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) is an Australian native tree from the Ballarat area.

Location: It likes a sunny position and can grow into quite a large tree if given plenty of water, so make sure you locate it where it will have the room to grow over the next 10 years or more. The Silver Wattle will remain much smaller if planted in a drier spot.

Leaves: The leaves of the Silver Wattle look beautiful all year round. They are finely divided, soft and a silky blue-grey in colour.

Flowers: Regarded as one of Australia's most beautiful wattles, its flowers occur in bright yellow fluffy balls in clusters on the end of every branch. Silver Wattle can be completely covered in flowers during late winter and early spring. The flowers are followed by attractive purple-brown pods over late spring and early summer.

Attracts: Silver Wattle are a good food source for Sugar Gliders.

Planting: Silver Wattle will grow well if planted in a hole not much larger than its pot within a few days of purchase. Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that.

Care: Silver Wattle don't need to be pruned and are fairly low maintenance.

Propagation: Silver Wattle grow well from seed collected over summer. More of the seed will germinate if you first crack the hard seed-coat by soaking them for a few minutes in a cup of freshly boiled water. Just pour on the hot water and let them sit until cool. Sprinkle the seed on the surface of a pot, cover with a couple of millimetres of soil, keep it moist and then watch them grow!