

Acacia dealbata

COMMON NAME

silver wattle

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Acacia dealbata Link

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

ACADEA

HABITAT

A plant of riverbed habitats and waste places. Prefers relatively high fertility and light.

FEATURES

Shrub to large tree with ribbed twigs. Leaves 2-pinnate, alternate and glaucous. Inflorescence consists of numerous many-flowered, medium yellow, globose heads arranged in axillary racemes nearly equal to the leaves. Pod glabrous, usually straight, up to 100 x 12 mm.

SIMILAR TAXA

Can easily be distinguished from all other bipinnate naturalised wattles by the large glaucous leaves.

FLOWERING

July, August, September

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1870

ORIGIN

E. Australia

ETYMOLOGY

acacia: Derived from Greek 'akazo' to sharpen, meaning point; spine or thorn.

dealbata: Whitened

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/acacia-dealbata/>



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