Acacia elata

COMMON NAMES
cedar wattle

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS
White

DETAILED DESCRIPTION
Small to large tree with ribbed stems. Leaves 2-pinnate, pinnae in 2-5 pairs, Pinules widely spaced and green. Inflorescence consists of numerous pale yellow globbose heads arranged in racemes. Seed pod up to 150 x 15 mm.

SIMILAR TAXA
The foliage of this wattle is very distinctive, almost fern-like, and much larger than all other naturalised 2-pinnate wattles.

HABITAT
Prefers moist areas, streamsides etc.

GENUS
Acacia

FAMILY
Fabaceae

AUTHORITY
Acacia elata Benth.

TAXONOMIC NOTES
Can tolerate extended dry periods and frosts.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

FLOWERING
February, March

YEAR NATURALISED
1981

ORIGIN
S.E. Australia

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL
Fast growing and long lived. Seed dispersed by wind and gravity.

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



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