

Botanical name

ACACIA IMPLEXA

Lightwood

Common name

DESCRIPTION

Typical height:
6-8 metres

Typical width:
4-6 metres

Growth rate:
Fast

Typical form:
Narrow, domed

CHARACTERISTICS

- Pale yellow flowers between Dec-March
- Sickle-shaped leaf stems (phyllodes)
- Narrow pods, 10-20cm x 4-6mm, becoming coiled

TOLERANCES

- High drought, heat and frost tolerance.
- Moderate tolerance of wind and waterlogging.

ORIGIN

Mainly SE Australia but is also found in QLD and Tasmania (King Island only). This is a common across Victoria in drier open forests on shallow soils.

FACTS AND TRIVIA

As with most Acacias, Lightwood is a 'pioneer' plant. Pioneer plants are the first in the plant community to establish after land disturbance e.g. fire and are distinguished by being fast growers and prolific seeders, but also by having relatively short lifespans. Acacias are also leguminous plants that convert atmospheric nitrogen to other plant-available nitrogen compounds.



Medium



Native



Evergreen



Bird Attracting



Coastal



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