

Acacia calamifolia Wallowa









An adult Icilius Hairstreak

(Seeds of South Australia)

(Mcmaster, I, Atlas of Living Australia)

(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: Small tree

Height: 2-5 m

Spread: 2-4 m

Flowers: Yellow

Type: Globular

Flowering time: Spring, Winter



Soils: sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

Germination rate: 4 to 6 weeks

Seed collecting: collect mature pods that are turning brown, with hard, dark seeds inside.

Seed treatment: place seed into a container and pour on water that has just been boiled. Soak overnight. Remove and sow immediately.

Sowing requirements: cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Requires well drained soils. Sow in late Spring-Summer.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: this ornamental medium sized wattle is commonly used as a low shelter plant. Food host to Icilius Hairstreak (Jalmenus icilius) caterpillars.

Notes: do not plant near sewage lines. Propagates from seeds or cuttings.

Sources: Botanical Gardens of South Australia; Seeds of South Australia; TreeProject; Trees For Life Tree Scheme: Grower's Handbook; Wattle, Acacias of Australia