

WILLOW WATTLE

Acacia saligna

TREE

Family Mimosaceae

Origin Western Australia

Description An evergreen tree that grows to a height of 5m with a spread of 3m. This species prefers light to medium soils in open, sunny positions. It is drought and frost resistant ¹. Willow wattle has been planted along roads and for dune rehabilitation and is now invading dune system and bushland on the north and central coast of NSW ².

Stems/Leaves The stem is erect whilst the branches have a graceful weeping habit ¹. The bark is smooth and grey to red-brown on branchlets. Young plants become dark grey and fissured with age ¹⁷. The soft phyllodes (petioles functioning as entire leaves) are greyish green, sickle shaped and prominently veined ¹.

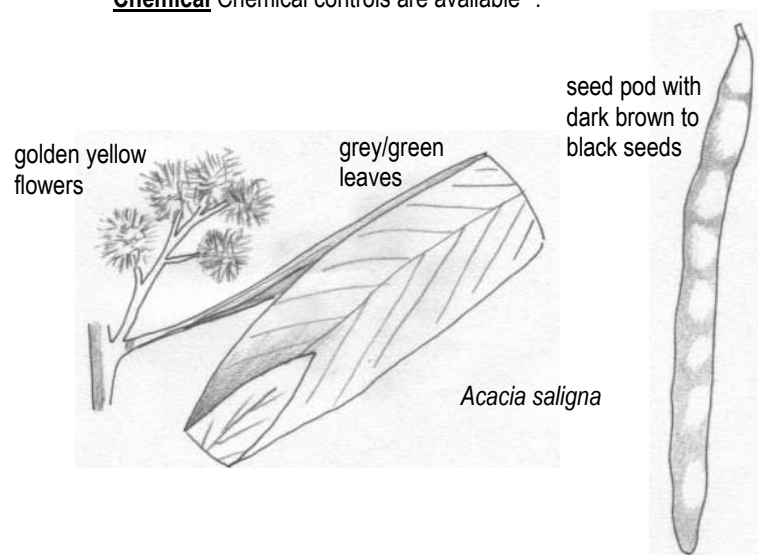
Flowers Golden yellow globular flowers that occur in long, dense, profuse clusters ¹ of between 25-55 five parted flowers ¹⁷.

Fruit /Seed Long, flat to curled seed pods ¹ filled with dark brown to black seeds ¹⁷.

Removal techniques

Manual Small seedlings can be hand removed whilst larger trees should be cut down and the stumps applied with herbicide ².

Chemical Chemical controls are available ².



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