

# Acacia pendula

(Weeping Myall)



## Notes

*Acacia pendula* (Weeping Myall) is a long-lived wattle that has tolerances and aesthetic qualities well worth considering for contemporary urban landscapes.

**Above:** Detail of bark and foliage

<b>Origin</b>	Northern Victoria, through NSW plains to Southern QLD. Widespread in inland areas.
<b>Habit</b>	Small evergreen, narrow to spreading, pendulous tree up to 12m in height. Long-lived wattle.
<b>Description</b>	Phyllodes are flexible, 5-8cm long, tending to sickle shaped, waxy-blue, with minute silver oppressed hairs. Flowers in spring are on short racemes in axils, with 2-4 golden, globular heads. Distinctive pods are flat, 4-8cm long by 1-2cm wide. Hard, rough, fissured, dark-grey bark.
<b>Tolerances</b>	Can tolerate heavy soils and waterlogged sites. <i>Acacia pendula</i> is also highly drought tolerant, and moderately frost and wind tolerant. Can be prone to Processional caterpillars. Also galls on leaves caused by fungus (Rust) or insects.
<b>Root space</b>	Based on a mature size specimen of Weeping Myall with a trunk diameter between 20cm to 30cm a tree would require approximately 15m <sup>3</sup> to 20m <sup>3</sup> root volume (Urban, 2008).
<b>Availability</b>	Seed is readily available. Stock is occasionally available from specialist nurseries.
<b>Uses &amp; management</b>	The Weeping Myall has too many suitable biological tolerances and aesthetic qualities to be overlooked for contemporary urban landscapes. It can provide a graceful, silvery contrast to otherwise typically green landscapes. Suitable as a street tree and is able to be pruned for electrical services. Weeping Myall prefers slightly fertile, well-drained sandy soils in full sun, and with occasional watering. However, as a drought tolerant plant, it can survive long periods without watering at all, and will grow in partial shade.

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