**Acacia meisneri**

**Blue wattle**

**Plant features**

**Growth form**
Dense, sometimes rounded, many-branched shrub 1-4m high.

**Leaves**
The phyllodes are grey/blue, variable in shape including oval to club shaped, 5-17mm wide and 8-25mm long, sometimes have a small curved soft spine at the end that is slightly off centre.

**Flowers**
The inflorescences are golden, composed of 3-7 heads, each 4-5mm in diameter and held on stalks 7-20mm long. Plants can flower sporadically throughout the year.

**Fruits**
The pods are dark brown to black 6-7mm wide and up to 100mm long, deeply constricted like a chain of beads and will break easily between the seeds. The seeds are 5-7mm long, usually oblong to oval, dull black with a funicle and thick aril (types of seed stalks) that encircles the seed.

Bark
Grey with a white powder coating on younger branches.

**Distribution**
Occurs mainly in the Avon catchment from Goomalling to Brookton with some outlying populations.

**Zone, habitat**
Found in a variety of soils including sandy clays and heavy loams, on the drier end of floodways, floodfringes, salt lake edges and across the landscape.

**Additional information**
An attractive mid-storey species useful for revegetating floodfringes and drier floodways, including the edges of salt lake systems. It is a common species within the Avon, especially on medium to heavy soils. It has the capacity to fix nitrogen in soils. It is slightly salt tolerant and moderately drought tolerant. Plants can be grown from tubestock or by direct seeding. Seed can be collected in Dec as soon as ripe. Seed requires scarification for quick or uniform germination. Germination can also be improved by boiling (100°C for 1 min).