



## Tree Species No. TTS8

*Acacia elata*, Family Mimosoideae

*Acacia elata* is a perennial, fast growing, evergreen tree with dark green, dense foliage.

**Common names:** Cedar wattle, peppermint tree.

**Distribution:** It is native to Australia but has been introduced to Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

### Ecology

**Rainfall:** *A. elata* is susceptible to drought and is unable to survive in semi arid areas unless there is considerable seepage water.

**Temperature:** -8 to -10°C. It is moderately hardy to frost but is not suited to the coldest areas such as frost hollows.

### Botany

**Height:** Approximately 15m, but up to 31m has been recorded in South Africa. Height can increase by 1.5m, or more, per year.

**Crown:** Spreading to intermediate crown.

**Flowers:** The flowers are cream and occur between spring and autumn.

**Fruit:** The fruit appear in summer and autumn.

### Uses

**Main:** As a wind break, as an ornamental tree and firewood.

### Cultural instructions

**Seeds:** There are approximately 25000-265000 seeds/kg.

**Germination:** The germination rate is between 70 and 100%.

### Other

**Limitations:** It is somewhat susceptible to drought and has difficulty surviving unless there is sufficient ground water.

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