

ACACIA CONFERTA (Cover)

The Arboretum first received *Acacia conferta* as seed shipped from Cambara, Australia, in 1970. It is an extremely attractive evergreen shrub with a great deal of potential for small garden areas due to its compactness and diminutive size. Although it grows to eight feet in height in Australia, it reaches only four feet in Southern California. It is a semi-dense shrub with narrow leaves (phyllodia), linear to oblanceolate, suppressed, crowded, mostly glabrous, without nerves, with or without stipules.

Acacia conferta flowers from January through April. The small flowers are numerous and showy with flower heads made up of bright yellow flowers that are globular and about $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch in diameter.

This Arboretum introduction is indigenous to Queensland, Australia. It prefers full sun, well-drained soil, and has moderate food and water requirements. No insect pests or diseases have been observed in Arboretum plantings.

With the space that is being allotted for ornamental plants in the home garden shrinking with each passing year, small easy-to-grow plants such as *Acacia conferta* undoubtedly have a bright future.

ARBORETUM WEATHER

Lat. 34°08'48" N.

Long. 118°02'59" W.

Elev. 571.28 ft.

Weather season:

Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

| | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
|---|------|-------|------|
| Average daily maximum temperature | 90.8 | 90.6 | 79.3 |
| Average daily minimum temperature | 57.8 | 60.3 | 52.0 |
| Highest temperature | 100 | 105 | 99 |
| Lowest temperature | 52 | 53 | 45 |
| Number of clear days | 15 | 21 | 14 |
| Number of partly cloudy days | 11 | 7 | 12 |
| Number of cloudy days | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Rain during this month | 0 | .06 | .58 |
| Total rain since Oct. 1st | 0 | 0 | .58 |



1975. "Acacia conferta (cover)." *Lasca leaves* 25, 119.

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