

## 48035 to 48075—Continued.

be the most valuable of all Australian timbers. It is celebrated for its hardness and durability and is much valued for boat building, bridges, railroad carriages, tool handles, etc. The figured wood is cut into veneers. It is an excellent wood for bending under steam and is largely used for oil casks. As a fuel it is equal to hickory. (Adapted from *Maiden, Useful Native Plants of Australia*, p. 359, and *Bentham, Flora Australiensis*, vol. 2, p. 388.)

48052 and 48053. ACACIA MICROBOTRYA Benth. Mimosaceæ.

48052. *Badjong*. A tall shrub from southwestern Australia, with a diameter of 1 to 1½ feet, which produces an edible gum. It prefers river valleys and lines brooks naturally. A single tree may yield 50 pounds of gum in a season. The aborigines store the gum in hollow trees for winter use; it has a pleasant sweetish taste. (Adapted from *Mueller, Select Extra-Tropical Plants*, p. 8, and *Maiden, Useful Native Plants of Australia*, p. 213.)

48053. Received as *Acacia myriobotrya*, which is considered synonymous with *A. microbotrya*. It is deemed best to grow these separately for the purpose of ascertaining the status of this form.

48054. ACACIA MONILIFORMIS Griseb. Mimosaceæ.

*Tusca*. A shrub with fragrant yellow flowers, common in the subtropical forests of Tucuman, Argentina, armed with straight spines and bearing dusty, 4-angled branches and petioles and glabrous leaves. The pods are linear, flat, and woody leathery; when young they are used as forage for cattle. (Adapted from *Abhandlungen der Koeniglichen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu Goettingen*, vol. 19, p. 136.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 42322.

48055 and 48056. ACACIA NERIIFOLIA A. Cunn. Mimosaceæ.

48055. A handsome tree, native to eastern Australia, 40 to 50 feet in height, with slender branchlets, mealy tomentose when young but soon glabrous. The small globular flower heads are in simple slender racemes shorter than the linear phyllodia. The flat straight pods are several inches long. The heartwood is light yellow, the rest is of a darker color. It is prettily marked, close grained, and tough. (Adapted from *Maiden, Useful Native Plants of Australia*, p. 363, and *Bentham, Flora Australiensis*, vol. 2, p. 863.)

48056. Received as *Acacia iteaphylla*, which is considered a synonym of *A. neriifolia*. It is deemed best to grow both for the purpose of determining the status of this form.

48057. ACACIA PODALYRIÆFOLIA A. Cunn. Mimosaceæ. **Silver wattle.**

A shrub 4 to 6 feet in height, covered with hoary powder. Its neat gray ovate leaves and numerous long yellow racemes tipping the branches make it a very decorative species. The wood is pinkish in color and nicely marked. Native to Queensland. (Adapted from *Maiden, Useful Native Plants of Australia*, p. 364.)

48058 and 48059. ACACIA PYCNANTHA Benth. Mimosaceæ.

**Golden wattle.**

48058. A small rapid-growing tree with coriaceous leaves (phyllodia) and masses of fragrant bright-yellow flowers. The tree is second only to *Acacia mollissima* in yielding tanbark. The bark