



Plant a pioneer wattle this spring

You have many attractive & useful choices for your garden or property among Australia's 1,075 native acacias (wattles).

In general wattles are:

fast-growing

drought-tolerant

able to grow on poor soils (but not water-logged)

fire-retardant

frost-tolerant - if you pick right species

insect-pollinated*

*Wattles are ideal for creating low-allergy gardens because they are insect-pollinated; not wind pollinated. Asthma and hay fever are more likely to be caused by wind-pollinated plants such as introduced grasses and exotic trees that release very fine pollen to be picked up by the wind. This is how this very light, almost invisible pollen gets up your nose and into your lungs. Wattles, on the other hand, have very large, heavy, sticky pollen. To move from flower to flower wattle pollen needs to be carried by insects and other animals.

Wattles...

are legumes and improve the soil by adding nitrogen

create fast-growing visual screens & windbelts

create animal habitat

feed all the parrots with protein-rich seed

feed the bees with protein-rich pollen

make great firewood for bbq's & pizza ovens

like to be pruned to keep them bushy and extend their life

More information from the Wattle Day Association: <https://wattleday.asn.au/>