

Acacia – Wattle

Family:	Mimosaceae > Mimosa family
Origin:	Africa, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, South America
Propagation:	Seeds/Cuttings
Pre-Treatment:	pour boiling water over the seeds + soak ca. 24 h.
Stratification:	for cold-tolerant and hardy species: ca. 4-6 weeks at 2-5°C in the fridge or fall/winter in the cold greenhouse
Sowing Time:	all year round
Sowing Deep:	ca. 0,5-1 cm
Sowing Mix:	Coir or sowing mix + 2/3 sand or perlite
Alternative:	-
Germination Temperature:	ca. 22-25°C for cold-tolerant and hardy species: ca. 15-20°C
Location:	bright + keep constantly moist, not wet
Germination Time:	ca. 3-6 weeks > irregular
Watering:	in the growing season regular water
Fertilization:	biweekly 0,2%ig or long-term fertilizer
Pests:	Aphids, Spider mites > especially under glass
Substrate:	potting soil + 2/3 sand or perlite
Seedlings:	heat-loving species: bright at about 10-15°C and keep constantly moist cold-tolerant species: bright at about 5-10°C, and keep constant slightly moist hardy species: in the 1.-3. year bright at about 0-5°C and water only so much that the root ball is not completely dry out.
Overwintering:	For heat-loving species: Mature species very bright at about 10-15°C and keep constant slightly moist. For cold-tolerant species: Mature species bright at about 0-5°C and keep constant slightly moist. For hardy species: Mature species may be planted outdoors on a sunny sheltered location with very good drainage after some 2-3 years depending on the growth of each species. Winter protection is beyond the mild regions usually always required.
Note:	partial leaf loss in winter! When the plants should be leafless, then less water and it can also be overwintered dark.