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*Acacia colletioides*

## SOME DWARF ACACIAS

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Apart from eucalypts, no other genus of plants dominate the Australian landscape more than the acacia genus commonly known as wattle trees. Although over 600 species have been recorded as indigenous to this country, except for a very limited few, they have so far eluded the general nurseryman. This is particularly so for those of dwarf habit.

Many argue that acacias are short-lived plants, and to some extent, particularly under cultivation, this is true. Considering, however, their rapidity of growth, brilliant return of flowers each year, and especially the beauty of form and foliage of so many of the genus, this should surely be no reason for not propagating them. A number of our acacias can be grown for foliage alone. Others are the best shrubs one could wish

















































