






ACACIA CRASPEDOCARPA

Leather Leaf Acacia

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Native to western Australia

Why we love it...

You probably have a good idea of why this Australia native is called leather leaf acacia if you've ever touched one of its coarse gray-green leaves. Although it grows fairly slowly, this resilient and versatile evergreen shrub is just as tough as it feels; growing in any soil with good drainage and accepting reflected heat and drought conditions without skipping a beat.

Leather leaf acacia is remarkably clean, and with very little maintenance it will develop a dense, rounded shape whether trained as a large shrub or small tree. It receives a significant color boost from its coppery new growth and from its lemon-yellow, rod-shaped flowers attract butterflies while beautifully contrasting the foliage from late winter to early spring and sometimes again in autumn.



Lydia says: Leatherleaf acacia works well as a privacy screen, foundation plant, or hedge. With a little pruning it can also be grown as a small but shapely multi-trunk specimen tree.

Shrub: *Acacia craspedocarpa*

Size (H x W): 10-15 feet x 10-15 feet

Blooms: Yellow puffs, late winter to early spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 15° F, USDA Zones 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Winter to early spring if necessary

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate



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