

XERISCAPE
NATURE'S CHOICE OF LANDSCAPE



Acacia

Acacias include a diverse group of arid region landscape plants ranging from trees to shrubs to groundcovers. Acacias offer shade, screening, and spectacular flower shows for your landscape, depending upon the plant selected. They are primarily full sun plants and tolerate a variety of soil conditions. Tree acacias require infrequent, yet periodic deep watering to develop a healthy root system. This is done by watering along the edge of the canopy and not at the base of the trunk. All Australian acacias have modified leaf stems called phyllodes, which are commonly thought to be their leaves, and perform the same function as the leaves.

Acacia farnesiana

Sweet Acacia

An excellent shade tree, sweet acacia reaches a height of 20 feet. Sweet acacia flowers profusely in the winter to early spring with fragrant, golden yellow puffball flowers. It is especially suited for patios and small yards. Sweet acacia is semi-deciduous and cold-hardy to 12 degrees Fahrenheit. This thorny tree is native to the southwestern United States. The thorns are not as prominent on the older growth. Initial maintenance requires that suckers be pruned from the base of the trunk to create a more tree-like appearance. In European perfumery, essences are distilled from the flowers and used extensively. Sweet acacia is also sold under the names of *Acacia smallii* and *Acacia minuta*.

Acacia salicina

Willow Acacia

This semi-weeping acacia tree grows 30 feet high and up to 15 feet wide with long, slender, blue-green, willow-like foliage and small, creamy puffball flowers in the spring. Willowleaf acacias evoke a cool oasis effect in the landscape, and are useful as a screening tree. They are evergreen and native to Australia.

Acacia stenophylla

Shoestring Acacia

This slender, upright tree may eventually grow to 30 feet in height with weeping, shoestring-like phyllodes and cream colored puffball flowers. Shoestring acacia makes a fine specimen tree or may be grouped in small groves as a visual screen. It is evergreen and native to Australia. This tree is commonly recommended for pool areas due to its low litter. One of the many values of this plant is its ability to cast shadows that provide filtered shade for yards and structures.

Acacia willardiana

Palo Blanco

An excellent choice for small spaces, as a focal point for an entryway, or as a patio tree, Palo Blanco creates a striking accent. Its beauty lies in open, airy, weeping branches with delicate foliage in the canopy and its chalky white bark on the trunk. Palo Blanco grows to a height of 20 feet and width of 10 feet and blooms in the spring with spikes of small creamy flowers. Its peeling bark, beautiful silhouette and small stature make Palo Blanco an ideal accent tree in arid landscape designs.