



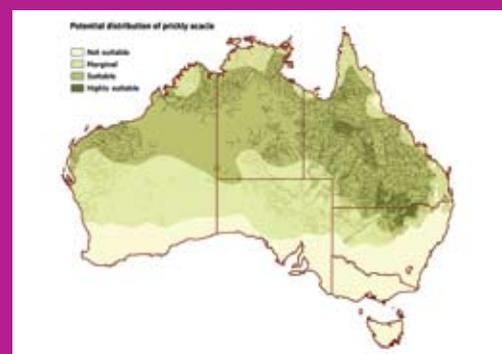
# Prickly acacia— a weed of national significance

## The prickly acacia threat

Prickly acacia (*Acacia nilotica*) is a thorny tree native to Pakistan and India. It infests over six million hectares and has the potential to invade more than one-third of mainland Australia. Native grasslands, woodlands and floodplains are particularly prone to invasion. Prickly acacia is primarily spread by stock movement of seeds and by stock transport.

The impacts of prickly acacia include:

- reduced pasture production and stock-carrying capacity
- difficulty in mustering and restricted access to water
- transformation of grasslands and woodlands into thorny thickets
- loss of biodiversity
- damage to vehicles and animals from thorns
- provision of a refuge for feral animals.



# Identifying prickly acacia



Prickly acacia flowers



Prickly acacia pods



Prickly acacia infestation

## What can I do?

- Learn to identify prickly acacia.
- Prevent the introduction or spread of weed seeds.
- Monitor susceptible areas such as stockyards, waterways, roadsides and watering facilities for prickly acacia and other weeds.
- Seek advice and implement a control plan.
- Coordinate control activities with neighbouring properties.



## More information

Contact your local weeds officer or visit the website [www.weeds.gov.au](http://www.weeds.gov.au)



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