

Botanical Name: *Acacia stenophylla*

Common Name: Shoestring Acacia



Family: Fabaceae

Habitat: Riverbanks

Native Distribution: Australia

Elevation: Up to 4,500 ft

Hardiness: 15-20°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 40' tall x 20' wide

Shape: Vertical and weeping

Growth Rate: Moderately fast

Flowers: Cream to yellow ball-shaped flowers in clusters

Bloom Season: Fall to spring

Fruit: Long and slender grayish-green pods tightly constricted between seeds

Foliage: Up to 12" long and narrow grayish-green leaf-like stems

Exposure: Full/reflected/part sun

Shade: Lightly filtered

Water Requirements: Low

***Acacia stenophylla* (Shoestring Acacia) in Phoenix**

xeriscapes: *Acacia stenophylla* requires training when young for its narrow, upright form—which will make it an excellent silhouette tree, and ideal for narrow spaces. Shoestring Acacia also works well around pools and patios. *Acacia stenophylla* readily re-seeds in irrigated areas of Phoenix but is not as invasive as it is in the Tucson area. Low litter, no thorns.

Wildlife: Attracts native birds.

More about *Acacia stenophylla* (Shoestring Acacia):

- *Acacia stenophylla* is a desert-adapted Australian native that can take many years to reach its full height.
- Shoestring Acacia tolerates most soils but can be susceptible to root rot.
- Shoestring Acacia provides light shade for cactus and succulents to grow underneath.
- *Acacia stenophylla* fixes soil nitrogen.
- Shoestring Acacia produces a high quality, close-grained hardwood used for furniture.