

Mesquite



Keep this
thorny menace at bay

- The single largest infestation of mesquite in Australia is located in the Pilbara
- 50,000 ha of prime floodplains is densely infested
- 200,000 ha of native grasslands is immediately at risk of being dominated by mesquite



Mesquite is highly invasive and threatens our natural environment and productive grazing industry

**Help us stop the spread
of this exotic weed**

Use this card to identify mesquite and report suspect plants to your local Department of Agriculture and Food office or freecall 1800 084 881

Mesquite is commonly confused with Mimosa Bush

What's the difference . . .



Mesquite (*Prosopis* species)



Flowers long & yellow



Pods elongated, straw to purple in colour



Plant grows in a shrubby whippy shape



Stem is smooth with toothpick-like thorns

Mimosa Bush (*Acacia farnesiana*)



Flowers round & yellow



Pods small and black



Plant grows in a distinct V shape



Stem has prominent white spots with needle-like thorns