

A large, spreading acacia tree with a thick, gnarled trunk and a wide, flat canopy of green leaves stands prominently in a savanna landscape. The ground is covered in dry, yellowish grass. In the background, other smaller trees and a clear blue sky are visible.

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What's That Bloomin' Thing

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Genus–Acacia

Trees linked with vast African savannas



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Nine Facts About Acacia

1. The genus *Acacia* belongs to the family Mimosaceae, with 1350 species found throughout the world.
2. Acacias were introduced in California around the mid 1800's.
3. Kate Sessions and T. Wayland Vaughan helped introduce to San Diego.



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4. Acacia leaves diverge into two different groups with different leaf types.



Image 4 of 15 - Acacia baileyana - leaf-close-up - M. Ritter, W. Mark and J. Reimer



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- 5. Acacia make excellent garden plants ranging from low growing species to larger shrubs and shade trees.
- 6. Acacia flower throughout the year.
- 7. Acacia are a good source of pollen – popular with bee-keepers.



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8. The sap of Acacia is called gum arabic. It is used in foods to bind ingredients together.



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9. These trees are full sun, tolerate most soil and are low water use.



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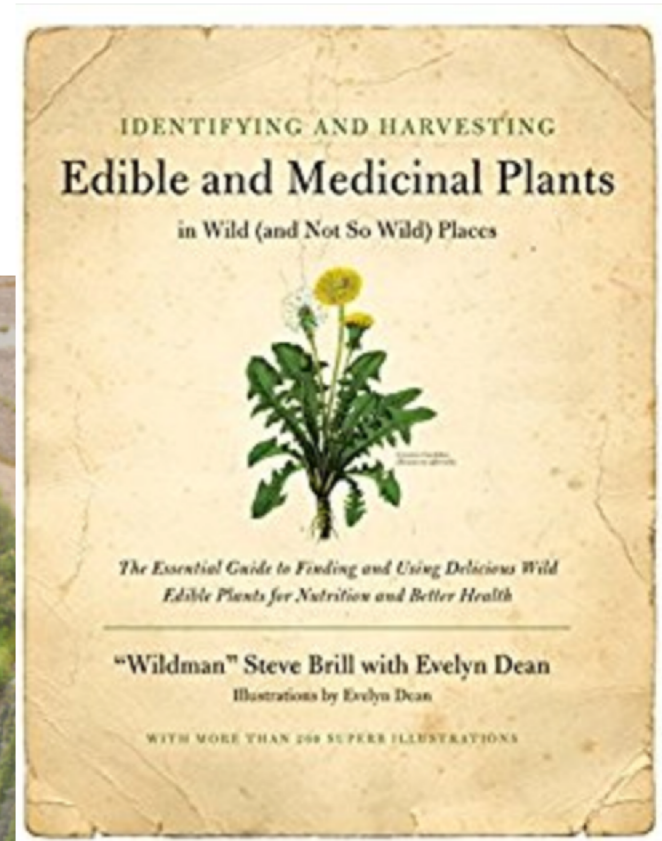
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The importance of proper identification



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