



# *Acacia simplex*

Martaoui

Family : Mimosaceae

The Martaoui or Seaside Acacia is a small tree that can reach 10 meters in height. Its flowering will not fail to attract your attention because its small perfumed flowers in the shape of pompons resemble those of the horticultural mimosa.

This tree has no leaves! What appear to be leaves are actually phyllodes, which are transformed petioles. They are spoon-shaped and have parallel "veins".

The fruits are long, flattened, hanging pods that look like bean pods.



## Virtues

### Ecology

- Windbreak: resists wind and spray
- Anti-erosion properties



### Traditional uses

- Nice wood for turning but it is susceptible to rot and will rot a lot
- Tiny edible seeds



### Pharmacopoeia

- Decoction of the bark used in Fiji as a purgative
- Leaves prepared as a drink against stomach aches



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