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*Acacia aneura*

[Synonyms : *Racosperma aneurum*]

**MULGA** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to central Australia it has yellow flowers. It is also known as Mulga acacia, and Red mulga.

*Aneura* is derived from Greek *a-* (without) and *neuro-* (nerve, tendon, sinew, ligament, fibre) components meaning ‘nerveless’.

Apparently Mulga is an Australian Aboriginal name for a long narrow shield (*mulgas*) made out of an acacia wood – and the name is familiar in a modern Australian phrase descriptive of dry remote areas of outback where the tree is common, *Out in the mulga*. The Aborigines used the hard dark-brown wood to make boomerangs, and they have ground and eaten the ripe seeds.

Branches and the small silver-grey leaf-like stalks provide fodder for livestock during periods of drought.

This species has been used for erosion control. It also provides fuel, fencing and poles for construction work, as well as material for Australia’s tourist souvenirs.