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Acacia tortuosa

[Synonyms : *Acacia canescens*, *Acacia parvifolia*, *Acacia subtortuosa*, *Mimosa tortuosa*,
Poponax canescens, *Poponax tortuosa*, *Prosopis microphylla*]

HUISACHILLO is an evergreen shrub. Native to Jamaica it has yellow flowers.

It is also known as *Aromo* (Spanish), *Cajou* (Creole), Friendego, Mimosa bush, Poponax, and Sweet wattle.

Tortuosa is Latin (twisted, turned, full of turns and windings) meaning ‘very twisted’.

Huisachillo is believed to have been introduced to Britain in 1824.

The shrub has been cultivated as dense prickly hedging.

Medicinally, records indicate that the shrub has been used in local remedies for fever, diarrhoea and dysentery, and its antiseptic qualities have been harnessed for treating gangrene and sores.