



Mimosa bush:
seed pods
and
sharp
thorns!

To the landholder:

a message about a “new” invasive weed
- from Gwydir and Inverell Shire Councils

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Mimosa bush has the potential to completely dominate grazing land... as it has done in this area near Pallamallawa

Mimosa bush (*Vachellia farnesiana*)

Mimosa bush (also commonly known as ‘briar bush’ or ‘prickly acacia’) is an invasive and thorny pest plant. Prevalent in some western parts of Gwydir and Inverell Shires, mimosa bush is emerging as a major, long-term threat to all grazing land in the north-west.

Grazing animals, particularly cattle, eat the seed pods (photo, right) and spread the seeds around the paddock. In time, the plants take over, hampering stock movement, reducing carrying capacity, and creating a perfect haven for feral pigs etc.

Mimosa bush is a native plant, and subject to Native Vegetation Act restrictions. Without CMA approval, control can only apply to new/regrowth plants that have appeared since 1 Jan 1990.

Mimosa bush is very difficult to kill (please see www.northwestweeds.nsw.gov.au/mimosa_bush.htm for treatment options—or ring North West Weeds on 0427 241 806). It’s possible to destroy small scattered plants BUT very difficult and costly to treat established areas.

If you have mimosa bush on your property, please **DO NOT IGNORE** the threat. Take action **NOW!**



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For more information on mimosa bush and other noxious weeds found in the Shires of Gwydir and Inverell visit the North West Weeds website www.northwestweeds.nsw.gov.au