

Alien Watch

Wonderboom / Giant Wattle

Leucaena leucocephala

A fast growing invasive alien, labelled as one of Namibian's Nasty Nine. Planted for firewood, fodder, poles and as an ornamental.



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- Thornless shrub or small tree
- Leaves compound, feathery
- Flowers white, compact, in round heads
- Fruit brown, papery pods, in clusters
- Seeds numerous — spread and germinate easily
- **A major threat, especially in wetter places**
- **Planting of this species is strongly discouraged**
- **Whole plant toxic to livestock, in quantity**
- **Pull young plants out. Cut and dig out big trees, or treat with chemicals (Garlon mixed with diesel)**
- **Considered one of the 100 worst invasive species by the IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG)**



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