

*Acacia robusta*

## River-thorn

Ankle-thorn, splendid acacia (E);  
enkeldoring (A)

[1 record]

A medium-sized, single-stemmed tree **with thickened branches and robust young twigs**. THORNS paired, **short, straight, stout**. LEAVES **dark green** and practically evergreen; **hairy petioles and rachis**; large leaflets. FLOWERS in light yellow to cream balls. FRUIT a **thin, curved, woody pod**.

Only recorded from Impalila Island (1725CC) where it was a tree ranging in height from 1 m to 10 m tall. Common on river banks. In November it had leaves and fruit. Herbarium specimens had flowers and fruit in January.

*Acacia schweinfurthii*

## River Scrambling-acacia

Rivierankdoring (A)

[3 records from 2 square]

A **scrambling shrub**, often entangled with other plants and forming an impenetrable thicket. STEM **pale, with dark, longitudinal bands**. THORNS hooked and **scattered along stems**. LEAVES large, with a **large, squat petiolar gland**, and **distinctive swelling at the base of the petiole**. FLOWERS creamy-white, in balls. FRUIT a large, oblong, leathery pod, with smooth domes over the seeds.

May be confused with *A. ataxacantha*. This is the only Namibian species of acacia with **curved thorns and flowers in balls**.

Recorded from riverine forests on Impalila Island (1725CC), where it is occasional as a scrambling shrub ranging from 1–4 m tall and from 1724CA. It had flowers and old fruit from the previous season in November and new fruit in April. This species was added to the Namibian species list by the TAP.

