

# Fodder Trees and Shrubs

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# What are Fodder Shrubs and Trees?

- Fodder shrubs and trees are any species that is both palatable and provides some level of nutritive value to the horse.
- Very little research has been done on the nutritive value of fodder shrubs.



# Examples:

- Saltbush
- Tagasaste



# Examples:

- Albany Woolly Bush
- River Sheoaks



# Examples:

- Dogwood (Jacksonia sp)



- Acacia Saligna



# Why use fodder shrubs?

- An alternative feed source to pasture
- Horses have evolved to both graze and browse a high fibre diet
- Provides woody fibre for wearing teeth
- Also provide shelter, shade and help to prevent/control erosion.



# Why use fodder shrubs?

- Browsing behaviour improves core strength and top line muscles in horses
- Helps rehabilitate club footed/asymmetrical horses



# How to incorporate fodder shrubs on your property

- Plant along fence lines outside paddocks.
- Use near yards and sacrifice areas.



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- Protect from overgrazing and rubbing





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