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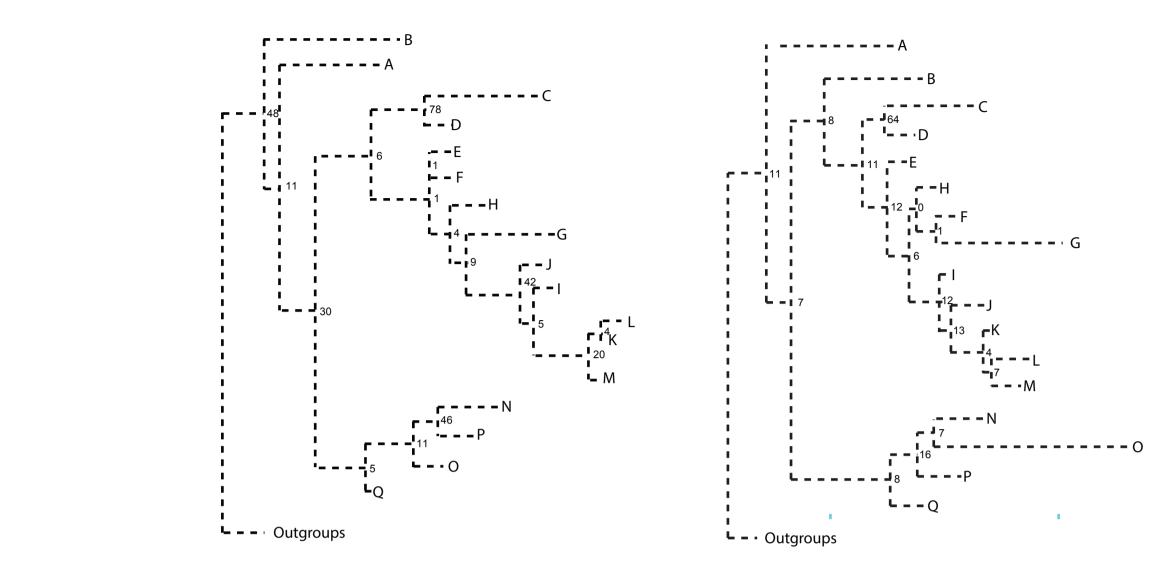
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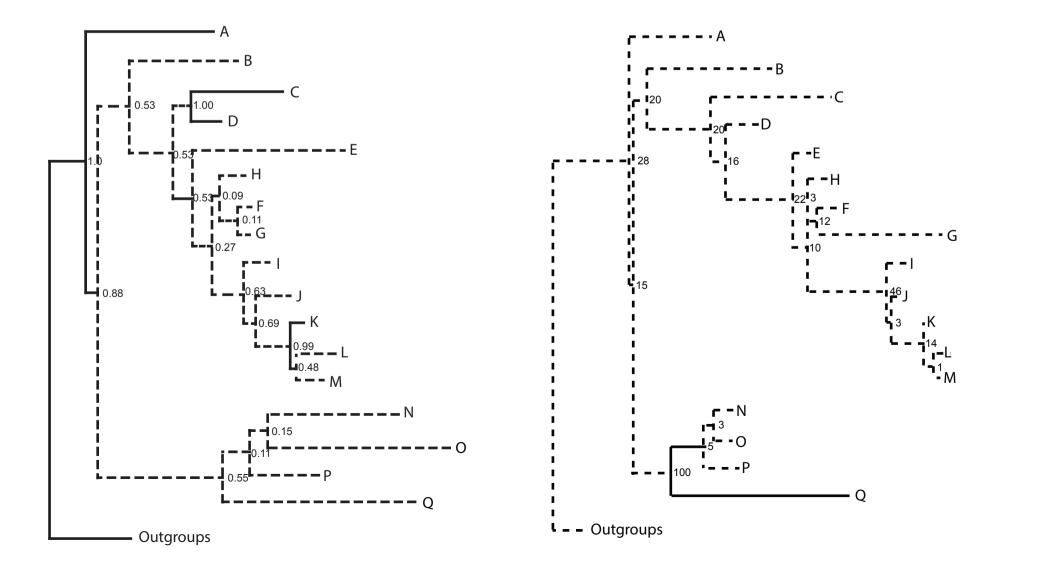
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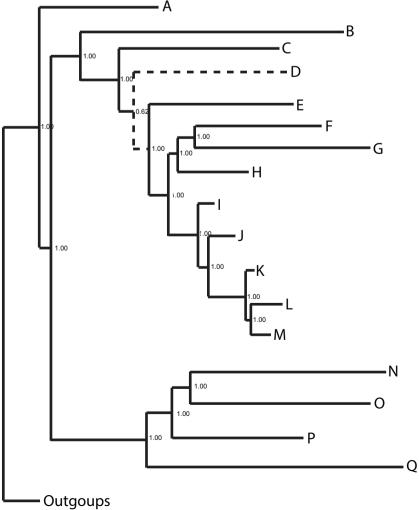


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39 **1. Introduction**

40 Phylogenetic analysis of plant species has traditionally used highly variable DNA 41 sequence data found throughout chloroplast introns and intergenic spacer regions (Baldauf et 42 al., 2000; Gielly and Taberlet, 1994; Moncalvo et al., 2002; Peterson and Eernisse, 2001; 43 Taberlet et al., 1991). However, using a small number of loci is frequently insufficient to resolve evolutionary relationships, particularly at low taxonomic levels or where recent 44 45 divergence, rapid speciation or slow genome evolution has limited sequence variation (Kane 46 et al., 2012; Parks et al., 2009; Whittall et al., 2010; Yang et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2011). 47 Phylogenetic resolution and support is known to depend on both the number of characters and the number of taxa included in a study (Jansen et al., 2007; Philippe et al., 2011). While 48 49 utilising too few genes may result in incongruence between gene regions and will increase the capacity for error in the phylogeny (Philippe et al., 2011; Rokas and Carroll, 2005), using too 50 51 few species will result in a phylogeny that is more sensitive to homoplasy. Thus, the ideal is 52 clearly to use the maximum number of genes across the maximum number of taxa.

53 There has been considerable debate regarding the most efficient way in which to 54 increase resolution in phylogenies and to reduce error (Graybeal, 1998; Hillis, 1998; Mitchell 55 et al., 2000; Nabhan and Sarkar, 2012; Wiens and Tiu, 2012). Although it has been claimed 56 that increased resolution and node support can be equally well achieved by increasing the 57 number of taxa sampled as by increasing the number of characters (Rosenberg and Kumar, 58 2001, 2003), there is evidence to suggest that in more closely related species, such as within a 59 single genus, increasing the number of characters is more beneficial to resolving a tree (Hillis 60 et al., 2003; Zwickl and Hillis, 2002).

High-throughput sequencing has significantly increased the efficiency of phylogenetic
studies, in particular by enabling whole genome (typically organelle) sequencing of non-

63 model species, resulting in a vast increase in the data available for phylogenetic tree 64 construction (Bayly et al., 2013; Huang et al., 2014a; Huang et al., 2014b; Lin et al., 2010; 65 Parks et al., 2009; Zhang et al., 2011). The overall genetic resources are thus increasingly 66 consisting of both multi-locus amplicon sequences, and also whole genome data for a small 67 number of species. While the production of many genomic sequences remains an ongoing 68 process, the integration of a small number of genomic sequences with a large number of 69 small amplicon sequences has the potential to allow a transition towards the more 70 commonplace use of whole genome sequences.

71 The issue of combining datasets with vastly different numbers of characters was first 72 addressed in the context of integrating morphological data, particularly fossil data, with 73 molecular data (Huelsenbeck, 1991; Wiens, 2003a, b, 2005; Wiens et al., 2010), and many of 74 the same principles apply to the integration of genomic (whole genome) data with small 75 amplicon sequences (Roure et al., 2013; Sanderson et al., 2010). Responses to the integration 76 of genomic and amplicon data have varied with some studies indicating that it is the number 77 of characters available rather than the number of characters missing that is the key influence 78 on phylogenetic accuracy (Driskell et al., 2004; Roure et al., 2013; Wiens, 2003a, b; Wiens 79 and Moen, 2008), while other studies suggest that the absence of large amounts of data has 80 significant negative impacts on accuracy (Lemmon et al., 2009). While these findings have 81 been shown in simulated datasets, few empirical studies have attempted the integration of 82 genomic and amplicon sequences.

A good test of the potential for genomic and amplicon data integration is in the phylogenetic analysis of the plant genus *Acacia* Mill., which is the most speciose genus in the Mimosoideae subfamily and Leguminosae family. The genus is predominantly found throughout Australia, with only a few species native to Southeast Asia, Hawaii and Madagascar (Brown et al., 2012; González-Orozco et al., 2011; Maslin et al., 2003). *Acacia*

88 has the largest number of species of any angiosperm genus in Australia (over 1,000; Council 89 of Heads of Australasian Herbaria, 2012), and Acacia woodlands and shrublands make up 90 approximately 24% of Australia's total vegetation (Beeton et al., 2006). These species are not 91 only of ecological significance, but also play a key role in agroforestry (Brockwell et al., 92 2005; Midgley and Turnbull, 2003; Thomson et al., 1994), and internationally as invasive 93 species, with 23 species of Acacia currently listed as invasive species across 12 different 94 geographical regions (Richardson and Rejmánek, 2011). Consequently, understanding the 95 phylogenetic relationships between these species is vital for informing conservation, 96 agroforestry and invasive species management.

97 Substantial incremental knowledge of Acacia phylogenetics has been gained over the 98 past two decades through amplicon sequences of nuclear ribosomal (ITS and ETS) and 99 selected plastid loci (e.g. psbA-trnH, trnL-trnF, rpl32-trnL, matK) (Miller et al., 2003; Miller 100 and Bayer, 2001, 2003; Murphy et al., 2010; Murphy et al., 2003; Murphy et al., 2000), 101 leading to a phylogeny containing over 500 species terminals (Mishler et al., 2014). These 102 studies have identified well-supported major clades similar to those identified by Murphy et 103 al. (2010), and have provided strong support for many relationships near the tips of the tree 104 and other internal nodes; however, the backbone nodes remain poorly supported with less 105 than 20% of nodes showing bootstrapping support greater than 0.95. Thus, additional taxa 106 and/or character data are necessary to understand the evolutionary relationships of Acacia.

Here we demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of incorporating whole chloroplast genome sequences with small amplicon sequences from a limited number of loci produced in previous phylogenetic analysis of *Acacia*. In this study we sequence the chloroplast genomes for 65 *Acacia* species from across the most recent phylogeny (Mishler et al., 2014). We firstly identify whether increasing the number of characters or taxa has the greatest influence on phylogenetic resolution and support in *Acacia*, then combine our data with the 510 specimens of Mishler et al. (2014), using both maximum likelihood bootstrapping (with and withoutconstraints) and Bayesian methods to identify the best method of data integration.

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116 **2. Materials and Methods**

117 2.1. Sampling

118 This dataset consisted of 65 Acacia species (a total of 94 individuals), and two

119 outgroups, Pararchidendron pruinosum and Paraserianthes lophantha subsp. lophantha.

120 Phyllode material was collected from 77 individuals from native populations, eight

121 individuals from within Kings Park and Botanic Garden (West Perth, Western Australia) and

122 from nine specimens held at the Western Australian Herbarium (Kensington, Western

123 Australia; see Appendix A for all specimen details and herbarium voucher numbers).

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125 2.2. DNA Sequencing

126 Total genomic DNA was extracted from either fresh or dried phyllode material using the methods of Jobes et al. (1995) or Butcher et al. (1998). DNA quality and quantity were 127 128 assessed using a NanoDrop spectrophotometer (ND-1000; Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA), 129 and via agarose gel electrophoresis. Individual genome library preparations were performed 130 using a Nextera DNA Sample Preparation Kit (Illumina, USA), following the manufacturer's 131 instructions. Libraries were then prepared for sequencing using the cBot cluster generation 132 and PE V3 flow cell and cluster generation (Illumina, USA). The libraries were sequenced on 133 a single lane in paired end mode using the HiSeq2000 platform and V3 SBS kit (Illumina, 134 USA). Library preparations and sequencing were both performed at the Ramaciotii Centre for 135 Gene Function Analysis (Sydney, Australia; http://devspace.ddtoo.com).

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137 2.3. Sequence Assembly

138 For each specimen, overlapping paired-end reads were merged using the software 139 FLASH (version 1.2.7; Magoc and Salzberg, 2011). Merged reads were assembled using 140 Velvet (version 1,2,08; Zerbino and Birney, 2008) with k-mer values of 31, 41, 51 and 61, 141 and coverage cut-off of 10. For each assembly, MUMmer (version 3.0; Kurtz et al., 2004) 142 was used to compare the assembled chloroplast contigs with the closest related complete 143 chloroplast genome sequence available, Acacia ligulata Benth. (Leguminosae; EMBL 144 accession number LN555649). Contigs were then merged to produce a single draft genome. 145 Assemblies were refined by repeatedly mapping raw reads to the draft sequence using 146 Geneious (version 6.1.8; Drummond et al., 2011) and adjusting as necessary. Draft genomes 147 were annotated by direct comparison with the A. ligulata genome and sequences were 148 deposited into EMBL (accession numbers are available in Appendix B). Raw reads were also 149 mapped to ITS and ETS sequences from Acacia anthochaera Maslin (Genbank accessions 150 DQ029243 and DQ029284) using Geneious (Drummond et al., 2011). All 95 draft genomes 151 and the A. ligulata reference genome were aligned using MAFFT (Katoh et al., 2002) in 152 Geneious (Drummond et al., 2011). Due to variation in inverted repeat sizes, particularly 153 relative to the outgroups, only one IR copy was included in the alignment. Separate ITS and 154 ETS alignments were also developed for all 96 specimens using MAFFT (Katoh et al., 2002).

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156 2.4. Phylogenetic Analyses

157 2.4.1. Effect of character number of phylogenetic accuracy

In order to compare the influence of increased characters on phylogenetic accuracy, a
subset of taxa was taken separately from both our dataset and that of Mishler et al. (2014),

160 which included only those taxa present in both datasets. For both subsets, Bayesian analyses 161 were conducted using the program ExaBayes (version 1.4.1; Aberer et al., 2014) on the 162 Magnus supercomputer (located at the Pawsey Centre, Kensington, Western Australia). 163 Analyses were run for 10 million generations with sampling every 500 generations. Each 164 analysis consisted of four independent runs, each utilising four chains. Convergence between 165 runs was monitored by finding a plateau in the likelihood scores (standard deviation of split 166 frequencies < 0.0015). Convergence of additional parameters was also checked during post-167 processing, with all ESS vales above 200. The first 25% of each run was discarded as burn-in 168 for the estimation of a majority rule consensus topology and posterior probability for each 169 node.

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171 2.4.2. Effect of increased taxa on phylogenetic accuracy

Our second analysis was designed to provide a baseline for comparing the effect of 172 173 additional taxa on the integrated dataset. This was achieved by constructing a phylogenetic 174 tree using specimens from both datasets but only at the six loci used by Mishler et al. (2014). 175 Each chloroplast locus was extracted from the whole genome alignment, and individual loci 176 (including ITS and ETS) were aligned with their corresponding alignment in the Mishler et 177 al. (2014) datasets using the MAFFT consensus alignment in Geneious (Drummond et al., 178 2011; Katoh et al., 2002). All six loci were then concatenated to form a complete dataset for 179 all 606 specimens. The alignment was then used in a maximum likelihood bootstrapping 180 analysis with RAxML (version 8.1.11; Stamatakis, 2014) on the CIPRES Science Gateway 181 server (Miller et al., 2010).

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183 2.4.3. Super matrix integration of increased taxa and characters

The integration of the datasets was firstly performed by simply combining the 510 specimens of Mishler et al. (2014) with the 96 genomes from this study into a single alignment using the MAFFT consensus alignment in Geneious (Drummond et al., 2011). The resulting alignment was analysed using the RAxML method (above), and then using the ExaBayes method (above), with the analysis taking approximately 14 days of walltime (4 years 275 days of CPU time).

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191 2.4.4. Constraint analysis integration of increased taxa and characters

192 Finally, in order to remove potential bias caused by the presence of missing data, and 193 also to incorporate information present in the genomic sequences, we used the ExaBayes 194 method to produce a phylogenetic tree based solely on the 96 chloroplast genomes. Bayesian 195 analysis of the full chloroplast genome alignment took approximately 12 hours of walltime 196 (4,486 hours of CPU time). The RAxML method was then used to analyse all sequences at 197 the six loci of Mishler et al. (2014), using the whole genome phylogenetic topology as a 198 constraint. The differences between all our integrated trees were determined using the 199 program HashRF (version 6.0.1; Sul and Williams, 2007; Sul and Williams, 2008), which 200 computes the Robinson-Foulds (RF) distance between pairs of trees.

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202 **3. Results**

203 3.1. Chloroplast Assembly

204 Illumina sequencing of libraries prepared from total DNA produced between 405,245
205 and 4,041,457 paired-end reads with a length of 100 nt. For each specimen, approximately
206 5% of reads was assembled into contigs that were homologous to the *A. ligulata* reference

207 chloroplast. Annotation of the draft genomes confirmed the presence of 76 unique protein 208 coding genes, 4 rRNA genes and 30 tRNA genes, in each individual, indicating that there had 209 been no loss of genes or introns relative to A. ligulata. All genes were fully assembled for all 210 95 individuals, with the exception of the *accD* gene, which displayed a several 100 bp repeat 211 region which could not be accurately assembled, and the *trnS-GCU* gene which could be only 212 partially assembled in six individuals. Of a total of 109 intergenic spacer regions, 21 could 213 not be fully assembled. Following removal of unassembled regions, specimens maintained 214 between 78.1 and 98.5% identity with the A. ligulata reference (Appendix B). Key 215 differences between species included inversion of the region between *ndhC* and *trnV-UAC* in 216 A. exocarpoides, A. erinacea, of the region between *psbE* and *trnV-UAC* in A. acanthoclada 217 subsp. glaucescens, A. scalene and A. acuaria and of the region between psal and ycf4 in A. 218 cerastes, A. restiacea, A. scleroclada and A. woodmaniorum. These inversions were reverted 219 in later analyses in order to facilitate alignment of genes. 220

3.2. Is Increased Resolution Caused by the Addition of Characters or Taxa?

222 *3.2.1.* Effect of character number of phylogenetic accuracy

223 In order to test whether the addition of characters or taxa was responsible for any 224 changes observed in support and resolution of the integrated phylogenies, we firstly created 225 separate phylogenetic trees from both our dataset and that of Mishler et al. (2014) using only 226 the taxa in common to both. Each alignment consisted of 41 Acacia species and two 227 outgroups. Bayesian analysis of the Mishler et al. (2014) subset created a phylogeny with 228 61.0% of nodes displaying a high level of support (posterior probabilities of 0.95 or more; 229 Fig. 1a). In contrast, the whole genome phylogeny was highly supported in 94.9% of nodes 230 (Fig. 1b). Key clades were compared between these two trees (clades A-Q; Fig. 1). The most important differences seen in the phylogeny created from the Mishler et al. (2014) data included clade A forming a sister group to clades N-Q (PP = 0.9), clade C forming a sister group to clade D (PP=0.94) rather than basal to clades D-M, and clade E forming a sister group to clade G (PP = 0.74) rather than basal to clades G-M. Clade N also formed a sister group with clade P (PP = 0.83) rather than clade O. A number of species also appeared within different clades in each tree, for example, *A. andrewsii*, *A. obtecta*, *A. hemiteles*, *A. acuaria* and *A. stanleyi*.

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239 3.2.2. Effect of increased taxa on phylogenetic accuracy

240 In order to compare the influence of increased taxa on the *Acacia* phylogeny, we 241 followed the method of Mishler et al. (2014) to create a tree using only the six loci from both 242 datasets. Combining the loci in common to both datasets resulted in an alignment of 3,956 bp. 243 In total, this combined dataset consisted of 602 Acacia specimens (534 species) and four 244 outgroups (2 species). Overall support for this tree was low with only 18.3% of nodes 245 showing bootstrap values of 95% of more (Appendix C). The major clades previously 246 identified by Murphy et al. (2010) were all present within this phylogeny (Fig. 2), although 247 the presence of another clade (also observed in the Mishler et al. (2014) phylogeny; hereafter 248 referred to as the A. longispinea clade) was evident. Support for these clades was highest in 249 the A. victoriae / A. pyrifolia clade (BS = 100%). The other clades were far less well-250 supported with 52% for the A. longispinea, 78% for the A. murrayana clade, 7% for the p.u.b. 251 clade, 30% for the Pulchelloidea clade and 67% for the Botrycephalae subclade. Smaller 252 clades (A-Q) were identified in order to more closely compare trees. These clades all showed 253 low support, with bootstrap support values between 1% and 78% (Fig. 3a). Of the 41 species 254 present in both datasets, 22 occurred within the same clade and a further 17 formed 255 monophyletic clades with conspecific individuals (Appendix C).

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257 3.3. Integration of Genomic and Amplicon Sequences

258 3.3.1. Super matrix analysis (RAxML)

259 All 606 specimens were used to create a phylogeny using any available data for the 260 given individual, i.e. approximately 4,000 bp for 510 specimens and approximately 141,000 261 bp for 96 specimens. This meant that the overall alignment contained a large proportion of 262 missing data. Overall, this tree displayed low support (18.6% of nodes showed high support; 263 Appendix D). The major clades were all present within this tree with high support observed 264 in the A. victoriae / A. pyrifolia clade (100% support). The A. longispinea and A. murrayana 265 clades displayed 62% and 64\$%, respectively, while p.u.b. clade (BS = 12%), Pulchelloidea 266 clade (BS = 7%) and Botrycephalae subclade (BS = 27%) all showed much lower support. Of 267 the smaller clades, all were present but none displayed a high level of support, with clades displaying between 0% and 64% bootstrap support (Fig. 3). Of the 41 species present in both 268 269 datasets, 22 occurred in the same clade and a further 16 were monophyletic with conspecific 270 individuals (Appendix D).

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272 *3.3.2.* Super matrix analysis (ExaBayes)

The super matrix analysis using ExaBayes produced the tree with the most variation from the other combined trees (RF = 200-217; Table 1), and overall support was still low at 42.0% (Appendix E). The major clades were all present and the *A. longispinea* and *A. victoriae / A. pyrifolia* clades showed posterior probabilities of 0.95 or more (Fig. 2). The smaller clades were also highly supported in four out of the seventeen clades (A, C, D, K; Fig. 3c). Seventeen of the species present in both datasets formed monophyletic groups, while 279 nineteen others were present in the same larger clades as other conspecific individuals280 (Appendix E).

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282 3.3.3. Constraint analysis

283 In order to incorporate the genomic data while also avoiding large proportions of 284 missing data within the overall dataset, the 3, 956 bp alignment was analysed using RAxML, 285 with a topology of the 96 genomes analysis as a constraint. To develop the constraint, we 286 analysed all 96 whole plastid genomes separately. The complete MAFFT alignment of all 96 287 genomes resulted in an aligned length of 187,573 bp. This tree was highly supported in 288 96.8% of nodes (Appendix F). Sixteen out of the seventeen smaller clades showed a high 289 level of support for their topology with the lowest posterior probability observed in the tree 290 being only 0.62 (Fig. 3e). Given the high support for this tree, we were confident that this 291 topology provided a good constraint for the backbone of the larger dataset. Using this tree as 292 a constraint on the 3,956 bp alignment produced an identical topology to the whole genome 293 tree, but with far lower overall support (20.0% of nodes were highly supported; Appendix G). 294 This tree showed the greatest similarity to the small amplicon sequence tree (RF = 144; Table 295 1), with the major clades again showing high support in the A. victoriae / A. pyrifolia clade 296 (bootstrapping support of 100%; Fig. 2), while the smaller clades had lower support ranging 297 from 1% to 100% (Fig. 3d). Of the 41 specimens present in both datasets, 17 formed 298 monophyletic clades and 21 others were present within the same clade as conspecific 299 individuals (Appendix G).

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4. Discussion

302 Of key interest to this study is the extent to which using this genomic data increased the 303 support of the Acacia phylogeny. In order to determine whether increase in characters or taxa 304 was responsible for any perceived increase in support and resolution, we firstly compare the 305 support and resolution of two trees that differed only in the number of characters used to 306 build them (Fig. 1). Our results clearly showed that, with 94.5% of nodes showing a posterior 307 probability of more than 0.95 (Fig. 1), the use of a much larger volume of data produced 1.5X 308 the number of highly supported nodes compared to when only six loci were used (where only 309 61.0% of nodes were highly supported; Fig. 1). This result was consistent with previous 310 findings in which a much higher level of support was observed in a genomic phylogeny of 311 Pinus species (Parks et al., 2009), than when small amplicon sequences were used (Gernandt 312 et al., 2005; Liston et al., 2007; Syring et al., 2007; Wang et al., 1999). Similar results have 313 also been observed from the whole chloroplast genome analysis of apple species (Nikiforova 314 et al., 2013), rice species (Waters et al., 2012) and Araucaria species (Ruhsam et al., 2015).

315 Our analysis of small amplicon sequences supported our hypothesis that the number of 316 characters had a greater influence on the support and resolution of the Acacia phylogeny. In 317 this analysis, the two datasets were combined but only analysed using the six loci in common 318 to all 606 specimens. Although this tree was slightly different to the phylogeny of Mishler et 319 al. (2014), in particular clade O becoming a sister group to clades N+P+Q, the addition of 320 taxa failed to improve the overall support of the tree which remained at only 18%. This result 321 confirmed that the addition of further taxa was insufficient to produce a more well-supported 322 phylogeny, and indicated that any increase in support observed in subsequent integrated trees 323 was most likely caused by the increased number of characters. This result was consistent with 324 the findings of Rokas and Carroll (2005), who also identified increased characters rather than 325 increased taxa as being the key influence on phylogenetic accuracy in yeast.

327 4.1. Integration of Genomic and Amplicon Sequences

Although our initial results using a reduced number of taxa clearly showed that the use of whole genome sequences has the potential to increase phylogenetic support and resolution, the challenge remains in finding the best method of data integration. The phylogeny developed by Mishler et al. (2014), while showing strong support for the major clades, including *A. victorae / A. pyrifolia, A. murrayana* and *A. longispinea* clades, was less well resolved in the p.u.b. and Pulchelloidea clades and Botrycephalae subclade, and among the minor clades only showed high support for clades B, C, N, P and Q.

The addition of full genomic sequences to the dataset showed a clear change in the relationships among the clades compared to what was seen in both the Mishler et al. (2014) tree and the small amplicon sequence tree. The super matrix analysis tree clearly showed clade A as sister to clades B-Q, and clade H as a sister group to clades F+G. Additionally, clades L+M became sister to clade K, and clades N+O sister to clade P. Despite the change in tree topology, the RAxML tree did not show any more significant support than was seen in the small amplicon sequence tree.

342 The ExaBayes super matrix analysis revealed an identical topology to the RAxML 343 analysis with regards to the small clades (Fig. 3c), however the RF calculation clearly showed 344 that the position of the tips within those clades was quite different (RF = 200; Table 1). The 345 ExaBayes tree showed generally better support for the major clades and for the positions of many of the minor clades, with clades A, C, D, and K all showing posterior probabilities of 346 347 greater than 0.95 (Fig. 3), suggesting that this tree was a better phylogenetic reconstruction 348 than the RAxML tree. It should be noted however, that some of this may potentially have 349 been an artefact of the Bayesian method, which has previously been identified as exhibiting 350 higher support values than when using maximum likelihood methods (Douady et al., 2003;

Simmons et al., 2004). Compared to the phylogeny of Mishler et al. (2014), there remained a
number of differences, including clade A becoming a sister group to clades B-P, clade F
becoming a sister group to clade G and clade O becoming a sister group to clade N (Fig. 3c).

354 As expected, from the phylogenies based only on the taxa held in common to both 355 datasets, the whole genome tree showed the greatest support of any of the trees. This 356 phylogeny showed high support for sixteen out of the seventeen minor clades (Fig. 3). By 357 using this tree as a constraint on the amplicon sequence data, we were able to remove any 358 error caused by large proportions of missing data, while also maintaining the highly 359 supported backbone identified in the whole genome phylogeny (Appendix F). The 360 relationships between the minor clades were very similar to that seen in the super matrix 361 analyses with the exception of clade C which became sister to clades D-M (PP = 0.62). The 362 topology of the highly supported whole genome phylogeny was reflected in the constraint 363 tree; however the constraint lacked the high support values found in the whole genome tree 364 due to our reliance on a subset of the sequence length used in the whole genome tree. 365 However, given that the topology of the minor clades was highly supported in the whole 366 genome tree, we conclude that the constraint tree enabled the best integration of genomic and 367 small amplicon sequence data.

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369 **5.** Conclusions

Our study shows that the use of whole chloroplast genome data for phylogenetics provides a far greater support and resolution than can be achieved using a small number of amplicon sequences. The results of our analyses suggest that the whole genome sequences play an important role in identifying highly supported nodes in the backbone of large phylogenies. The integration of data types showed typically low support, however higher 375 support was seen using Bayesian methods, and the best supported topology was achieved by 376 using genomic sequences to build a highly supported backbone, upon which a large number 377 of small amplicon sequences can be constrained. Our analyses have clearly shown the 378 potential of genomic and amplicon data integration in phylogenetic studies of large genera, 379 however this method is likely to also improve resolution and support of phylogenies 380 displaying weak backbone support and where closely related species require additional 381 characters to fully understand the phylogenetic relationships between them. We believe that 382 the integration of genomic and amplicon sequences provides a practical means of bridging 383 the gap between the large number of amplicon sequences currently available and the ever-384 increasing number of genomic sequences that continue to be created.

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597 Figures

Figure 1: Bayesian phylogenetic reconstruction using (a) the alignment of Mishler *et al*.
(2014) and (b) the whole chloroplast genome alignments, of only the taxa present in both
studies. Numbers at nodes indicate posterior probabilities.

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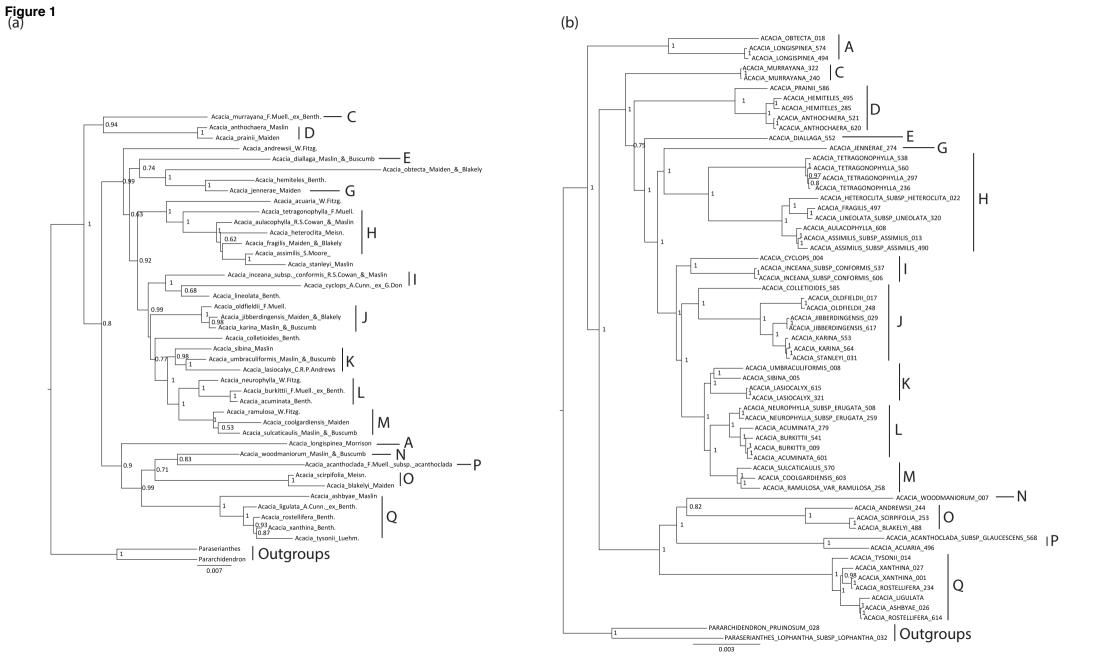
Figure 2: Phylogenetic trees of all 606 integrated specimens across (a) four chloroplast
loci and two nuclear ribosomal loci using RAxML (small amplicon sequence analysis); whole
chloroplast genomes for 96 individuals, and four chloroplast loci and two nuclear ribosomal
loci for 510 individuals analysed in a super matrix analysis using (b) RAxML or (c)
ExaBayes; and (d) four chloroplast loci and two nuclear ribosomal loci using the whole
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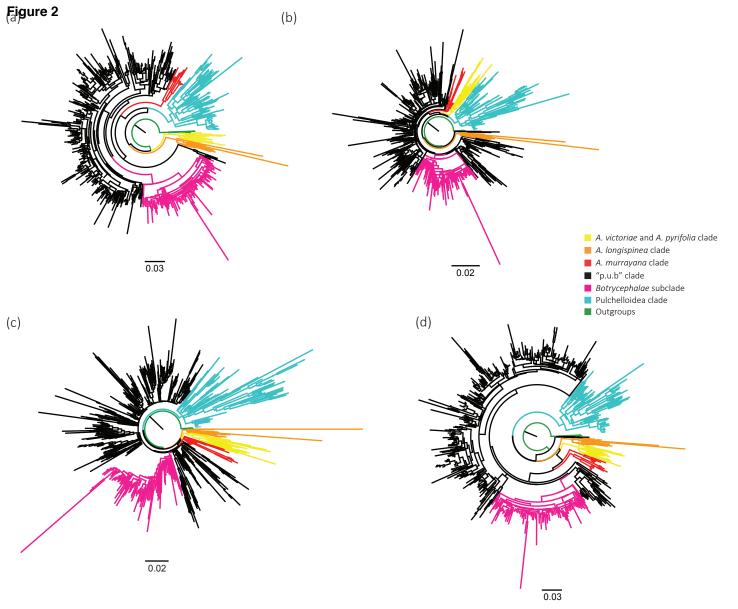
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Figure 3: Positions of the 15 minor clades within each of the integrated analyses, including (a) the six locus small amplicon sequence tree; (b) the RAxML super matrix analysis; (c) the ExaBayes super matrix analysis; and (d) the constraint tree, as well as (e) the whole genome phylogeny. Values at nodes represent posterior probabilities in (c) and (e), and maximum likelihood bootstrapping values in (a), (b) and (d). Solid lines indicate branches with high (above 95% support) while dotted lines indicate lower support.

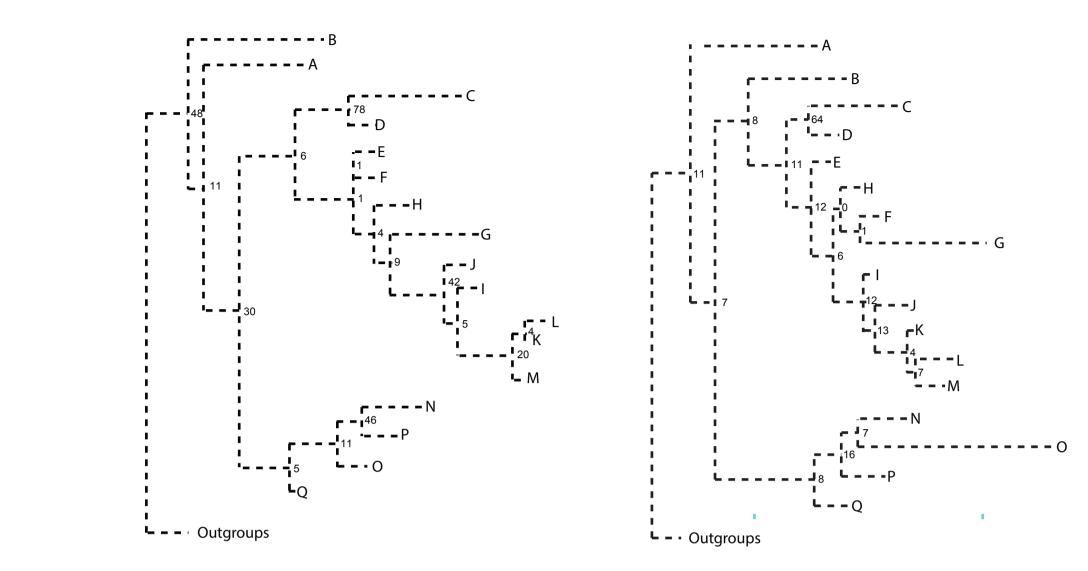
Table 1: Robinson-Foulds distances between each of the combined phylogenies calculated using HashRF. 617

| | Amplicon | Super (RAxML) | Super (ExaBayes) | Constraint |
|------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Amplicon | 0 | | | |
| Super (RAxML) | 166 | 0 | | |
| Super (ExaBayes) | 216 | 200 | 0 | |
| Constraint | 144 | 150 | 217 | 0 |





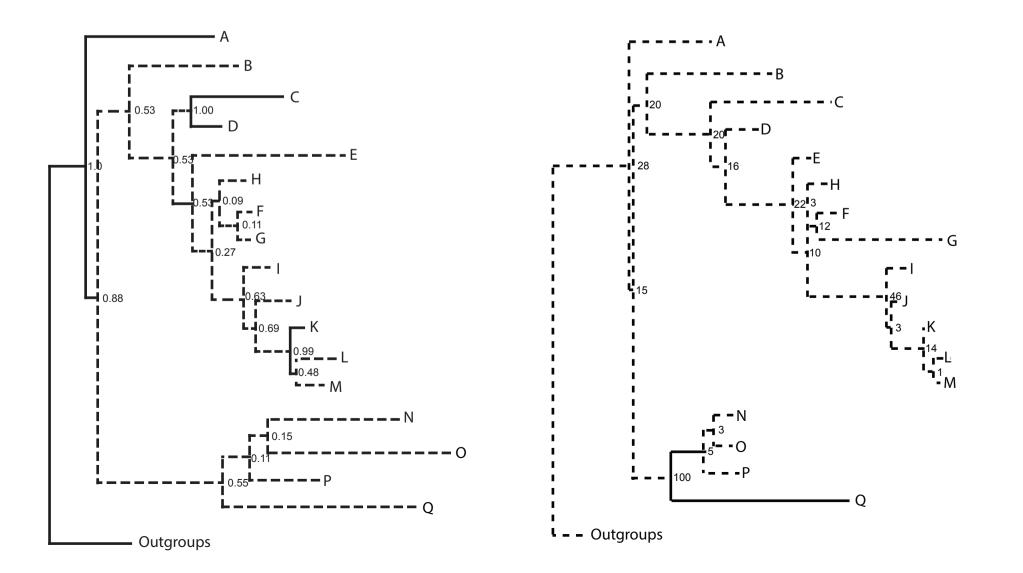
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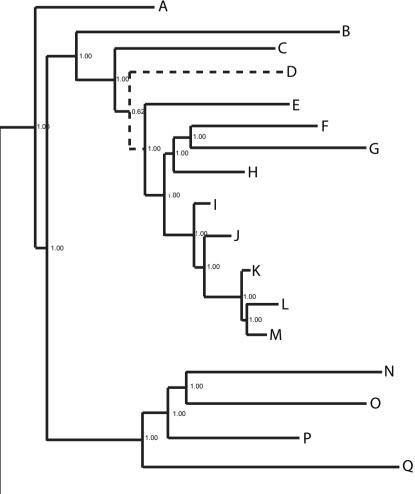


(c) Super matrix analysis (ExaBayes)









Appendix A: Specimens used in this study including collection locations and herbarium voucher numbers. Vouchers marked "PERTH" are held at the Western Australian Herbarium (Kensington, Western Australia) while all others are held at The University of Western Australia Herbarium (Crawley, Western Australia).

| Species | Latitude | Longitude | Voucher number |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Acacia acanthoclada subsp. glaucescens Maslin | -29.18979 | 116.95141 | Williams 568 |
| Acacia acuaria W.Fitzg. | -30.2853 | 116.9554 | Williams 496 |
| Acacia acuminata Benth. | -31.09257 | 120.6918 | Williams 279 |
| Acacia acuminata Benth. | -29.55589 | 116.90052 | Williams 601 |
| Acacia ampliata R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -28.583333 | 115.483333 | PERTH 07018231 |
| Acacia andrewsii W. Fitzg. | -27.45143 | 114.69132 | Williams 244 |
| Acacia anthochaera Maslin | -30.0688 | 117.425 | Williams 521 |
| Acacia anthochaera Maslin | -31.96458 | 115.83852 | Williams 620 |
| Acacia ashbyae Maslin | -31.95397 | 115.83672 | Williams 020 |
| Acacia assimilis S.Moore subsp. assimilis | -29.307028 | 116.730354 | Williams 013 |
| Acacia assimilis S.Moore subsp. assimilis | -30.2866 | 116.5924 | Williams 490 |
| Acacia aulacophylla R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -29.50072 | 116.99813 | Williams 608 |
| Acacia blakelyi Maiden | -30.3115 | 116.4497 | Williams 488 |
| Acacia burkittii Benth. | -29.070175 | 116.814011 | Williams 009 |
| Acacia burkittii Benth. | -29.7837 | 116.7762 | Williams 54 |
| Acacia cerastes Maslin | -29.677 | 117.02599 | Williams 592 |
| Acacia colletioides Benth. | -29.61772 | 116.96724 | Williams 58 |
| Acacia coolgardiensis Maiden | -29.51122 | 116.91828 | Williams 60. |
| Acacia cyclops G.Don | -31.99823 | 115.75253 | Williams 004 |
| Acacia daphnifolia Meisn. | -29.879167 | 116.03 | PERTH 05689414 |
| Acacia diallaga Madlin & Buscumb | -29.1497 | 116.96993 | Williams 552 |
| Acacia duriuscula W.Fitzg. | -29.68959 | 116.91246 | Williams 589 |
| Acacia effusifolia Maslin & Buscumb | -29.21036 | 116.663506 | Williams 00 |
| Acacia effusifolia Maslin & Buscumb | -29.196028 | 116.774028 | Williams 030 |
| Acacia eremaea C.R.P.Andrews | -30.367 | 117.1934 | Williams 52 |
| Acacia erinacea Benth. | -30.51345 | 121.38813 | Williams 308 |
| Acacia erinacea Benth. | -29.18909 | 116.94986 | Williams 56 |
| Acacia exocarpoides W.Fitzg. | -29.305696 | 116.732933 | Williams 01 |
| Acacia exocarpoides W.Fitzg | -31.96709 | 115.83752 | Williams 62 |
| Acacia formidabilis R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -29.51794 | 117.02118 | Williams 61 |
| Acacia fragilis Maiden & Blakely | -30.2853 | 116.9551 | Williams 49' |
| Acacia gibbosa R.S.Cowan & Maiden | -30.0973 | 117.3957 | Williams 524 |
| Acacia hemiteles Benth. | -31.10609 | 120.73764 | Williams 285 |
| Acacia hemiteles Benth. | -30.2853 | 116.9554 | Williams 49: |
| Acacia heteroclita Meisn. subsp. heteroclita | -32.549722 | 118.146667 | PERTH |
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| Acacia inceana subsp. conformis R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -29.50682 | 116.9507 | Williams 606 |
| Acacia inceana subsp. conformis R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -30.3807 | 117.4111 | Williams 537 |
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| Acacia jibberdingensis Maiden & Blakely | -30.0885 | 117.387222 | Williams 029 |
| Acacia jibberdingensis Maiden & Blakely | -31.9641 | 115.83834 | Williams 617 |
| Acacia karina Maslin & Buscumb | -29.14881 | 116.96901 | Williams 553 |
| Acacia karina Maslin & Buscumb | -29.19423 | 116.97187 | Williams 564 |
| Acacia kochii Ewart & Jean White | -29.318333 | 117.387667 | PERTH 07435838 |
| Acacia lasiocalyx C.R.P.Andrews | -31.22075 | 121.46321 | Williams 321 |
| Acacia lasiocalyx C.R.P.Andrews | -31.96373 | 115.83798 | Williams 615 |
| Acacia ligulata Benth. | -26.1445 | 121.077889 | PERTH 07807864 |
| Acacia lineolata Benth. subsp. lineolata | -31.2208 | 121.46406 | Williams 320 |
| Acacia longiphyllodinea Maiden | -30.4193 | 116.962 | Williams 505 |
| Acacia longiphyllodinea Maiden | -31.96424 | 115.83853 | Williams 618 |
| Acacia longispinea Morrison | -30.2853 | 116.9554 | Williams 494 |
| Acacia longispinea Morrison | -29.0807 | 116.90716 | Williams 574 |
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| Acacia merrallii F.Muell. | -30.274 | 116.6684 | Williams 510 |
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| Acacia murrayana Benth. | -31.00187 | 121.27076 | Williams 322 |
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| Acacia neurophylla subsp. erugata R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -30.4285 | 116.9666 | Williams 508 |
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| Acacia oldfieldii F.Muell. | -27.78858 | 114.46806 | Williams 248 |
| Acacia oldfieldii F.Muell. | -27.789167 | 114.466944 | PERTH 06234194 |
| Acacia prainii Maiden | -29.61753 | 116.96766 | Williams 586 |
| Acacia puncticulata Maslin | -27.75514 | 114.36212 | Williams 256 |
| Acacia ramulosa W.Fitzg. var. ramulosa | -27.64912 | 114.45499 | Williams 258 |
| Acacia resinimarginea W.Fitzg. | -31.09191 | 120.69183 | Williams 281 |
| Acacia resinimarginea W.Fitzg. | -30.3723 | 117.2687 | Williams 530 |
| Acacia resinimarginea W.Fitzg. | -29.61439 | 117.03455 | Williams 594 |
| Acacia resinosa R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -30.2853 | 116.9283 | Williams 493 |
| Acacia resinosa R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -29.51634 | 117.02502 | Williams 612 |
| Acacia restiacea Benth. | -30.4198 | 116.9622 | Williams 506 |
| Acacia restiacea Benth. | -31.96441 | 115.83857 | Williams 619 |
| Acacia rostellifera Benth. | -28.49665 | 114.62603 | Williams 234 |
| Acacia rostellifera Benth. | -29.52686 | 117.02173 | Williams 614 |
| Acacia scalena Maslin | -30.4328 | 116.9617 | Williams 507 |

| Acacia scirpifolia Meisn. | -27.74849 | 114.36269 | Williams 253 |
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| Acacia sclerosperma F.Muell. subsp. sclerosperma | -30.2739 | 116.6684 | Williams 509 |
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| Acacia stereophylla Meisn. var. stereophylla | -30.2854 | 116.9551 | Williams 499 |
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| Acacia tetragonophylla F.Muell. | -30.4362 | 117.3859 | Williams 538 |
| Acacia tetragonophylla F.Muell. | -29.14643 | 116.9669 | Williams 560 |
| Acacia tysonii Luehm. | -29.260944 | 116.020167 | PERTH 06876358 |
| Acacia umbraculiformis Maslin & Buscumb | -29.188056 | 116.921056 | Williams 008 |
| Acacia uncinella Benth. | -31.0919 | 120.69177 | Williams 280 |
| Acacia websteri Maiden & Blakely | -30.95761 | 121.02514 | Williams 301 |
| Acacia woodmaniorum Maslin & Buscumb | -29.141117 | 116.883064 | Williams 007 |
| Acacia xanthina Benth. | -32.01546 | 115.76039 | Williams 001 |
| Acacia xanthina Benth. | -31.95417 | 115.83678 | Williams 027 |
| Acacia yorkrakinensis subsp. acrita R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -31.09177 | 120.69211 | Williams 283 |
| Acacia yorkrakinensis subsp. acrita R.S.Cowan & Maslin | -30.9586 | 117.1154 | Williams 543 |
| Pararchidendron pruinosum (Benth.) I.C.Nielsen | -31.955242 | 115.843003 | Williams 028 |
| Paraserianthes lophantha (Willd.) I.C.Nielsen subsp. lophantha | -31.917545 | 115.798813 | Williams 032 |

Appendix B: ID number, species name, ENA accession number, number of reads produced using Illumina HiSeq2000 sequencing, number of contigs generated using Velvet, assembled length of the chloroplast genome and percentage identity with the *Acacia ligulata* reference chloroplast genome for each specimen used in this study.

| # | Specimen | ENA accession | Number reads | Contigs | Assembled length (bp) | PI% with Acacia ligulata |
|-----|--|------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 001 | Acacia xanthina Benth. | LN885329 | 3,830,703 | 40 | 174,359 | 98.4 |
| 004 | Acacia cyclops G.Don | LN885258 | 1,971,156 | 36 | 175,320 | 92.8 |
| 005 | Acacia sibina Maslin | LN885316 | 1,733,214 | 34 | 175,276 | 92.7 |
| 006 | <i>Acacia effusifolia</i> Maslin & Buscumb | LN885262 | 1,317,856 | 43 | 175,367 | 92.1 |
| 007 | Acacia woodmaniorum Maslin & Buscumb | LN885328 | 3,618,885 | 45 | 172,588 | 88.1 |
| 008 | Acacia umbraculiformis Maslin & Buscumb | LN885325 | 2,400,060 | 39 | 175,596 | 92.6 |
| 009 | Acacia burkittii Benth. | LN885253 | 2,298,474 | 34 | 174,711 | 91.3 |
| 011 | Acacia exocarpoides W.Fitzg. | LN885267 | 1,711,739 | 43 | 173,733 | 87 |
| 013 | Acacia assimilis S.Moore subsp. assimilis | LN885249 | 613,200 | 45 | 173,316 | 89.3 |
| 014 | Acacia tysonii Luehm. | LN885324 | 3,173,818 | 50 | 176,254 | 97.7 |
| 015 | Acacia scleroclada Maslin | LN885313 | 4,041,457 | 67 | 172,875 | 88.1 |
| 017 | Acacia oldfieldii F.Muell. | LN885297 | 1,612,955 | 60 | 174,937 | 90.7 |
| 018 | Acacia obtecta Maiden & Blakely | LN885296 | 694,025 | 42 | 175,857 | 91.1 |
| 021 | Acacia kochii Ewart & Jean White | LN885282 | 1,386,421 | 47 | 173,440 | 91.6 |
| 022 | Acacia heteroclita Meisn. subsp. heteroclita | LN885274 | 1,389,033 | 47 | 173,268 | 90 |
| 023 | Acacia daphnifolia Meisn. | LN885259 | 2,895,801 | 52 | 174,886 | 90.5 |
| 024 | Acacia ampliata R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885244 | 2,506,957 | 31 | 175,297 | 93.1 |
| 026 | Acacia ashbyae Maslin | LN885248 | 2,466,871 | 39 | 174,020 | 98.5 |
| 027 | Acacia xanthina Benth. | LN885330 | 2,792,320 | 42 | 175,889 | 97.2 |
| 028 | Pararchidendron pruinosum (Benth.) I.C.Nielsen | LN885333 | 1,424,066 | 35 | 158,986 | 78.1 |
| 029 | Acacia jibberdingensis Maiden & Blakely | LN885278 | 2,081,415 | 39 | 177,334 | 92 |
| 030 | Acacia effusifolia Maslin & Buscumb | LN885263 | 2,122,879 | 30 | 176,478 | 92.7 |
| 031 | Acacia stanleyi Maslin | LN885317 | 1,472,498 | 18 | 175,246 | 90.3 |
| 032 | Paraserianthes lophantha (Willd.) I.C.Nielsen subsp. lophantha | LN885334 | 1,619,793 | 41 | 160,052 | 78.4 |
| 234 | Acacia rostellifera Benth. | LN885309 | 2,182,983 | 45 | 176,285 | 96.6 |
| 236 | Acacia tetragonophylla F.Muell. | LN885320 | 1,542,388 | 36 | 174,645 | 89.5 |
| 240 | Acacia murrayana Benth. | LN885292 | 1,013,600 | 35 | 175,408 | 91.8 |
| 242 | Acacia sclerosperma F.Muell. subsp. scleropsperma | LN885314 | 2,490,236 | 40 | 175,243 | 96.6 |
| 244 | Acacia andrewsii W. Fitzg. | LN885245 | 1,607,420 | 35 | 176,784 | 92 |
| 248 | Acacia oldfieldii F.Muell. | LN885298 | 1,695,383 | 34 | 174,797 | 90.2 |

| 253 | Acacia scirpifolia Meisn. | LN885312 | 2,628,588 | 36 | 175,887 | 90.7 |
|-----|--|----------|-----------|----|---------|------|
| 256 | Acacia puncticulata Maslin | LN885300 | 1,172,986 | 25 | 173,905 | 88.9 |
| 258 | Acacia ramulosa W.Fitzg. var. ramulosa | LN885301 | 2,578,531 | 34 | 175,238 | 92 |
| 259 | Acacia neurophylla subsp. erugata R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885294 | 3,718,413 | 52 | 174,628 | 92.1 |
| 272 | Acacia merrallii F.Muell. | LN885290 | 662,007 | 30 | 174,916 | 90 |
| 274 | Acacia jennerae Maiden | LN885277 | 1,398,603 | 39 | 173,866 | 90.2 |
| 279 | Acacia acuminata Benth. | LN885242 | 1,159,144 | 12 | 174,238 | 89.4 |
| 280 | Acacia uncinella Benth. | LN885326 | 2,201,447 | 37 | 173,482 | 89.8 |
| 281 | Acacia resinimarginea W.Fitzg. | LN885302 | 1,941,966 | 34 | 174,758 | 91.5 |
| 283 | Acacia yorkrakinensis subsp. acrita R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885331 | 1,065,647 | 34 | 175,155 | 92.5 |
| 285 | Acacia hemiteles Benth. | LN885272 | 2,322,134 | 37 | 175,055 | 91.6 |
| 297 | Acacia tetragonophylla F.Muell. | LN885321 | 3,361,288 | 59 | 174,115 | 89.8 |
| 301 | Acacia websteri Maiden & Blakely | LN885327 | 1,670,247 | 30 | 175,163 | 91.8 |
| 308 | Acacia erinacea Benth. | LN885265 | 1,879,367 | 45 | 175,277 | 82.9 |
| 320 | Acacia lineolata Benth. subsp. lineolata | LN885285 | 1,290,586 | 37 | 174,839 | 89.3 |
| 321 | Acacia lasiocalyx C.R.P.Andrews | LN885283 | 1,176,444 | 37 | 174,493 | 91.3 |
| 322 | Acacia murrayana Benth. | LN885293 | 1,323,170 | 32 | 175,712 | 92.4 |
| 488 | Acacia blakelyi Maiden | LN885252 | 1,603,436 | 22 | 175,441 | 90.9 |
| 490 | Acacia assimilis S.Moore subsp. assimilis | LN885250 | 978,448 | 42 | 175,226 | 88.9 |
| 493 | Acacia resinosa R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885305 | 3,009,912 | 34 | 175,927 | 92.1 |
| 494 | Acacia longispinea Morrison | LN885288 | 2,404,180 | 40 | 175,221 | 90.3 |
| 495 | Acacia hemiteles Benth. | LN885273 | 2,071,909 | 35 | 173,964 | 91.5 |
| 496 | Acacia acuaria W.Fitzg. | LN885241 | 1,821,446 | 33 | 173,782 | 86.3 |
| 497 | Acacia fragilis Maiden & Blakely | LN885270 | 2,059,604 | 46 | 174,069 | 90 |
| 499 | Acacia stereophylla Meisn. var. stereophylla | LN885318 | 780,668 | 35 | 174,719 | 91.8 |
| 505 | Acacia longiphyllodinea Maiden | LN885286 | 2,014,232 | 39 | 175,190 | 91.5 |
| 506 | Acacia restiacea Benth. | LN885307 | 3,671,253 | 45 | 173,222 | 87.6 |
| 507 | Acacia scalena Maslin | LN885311 | 2,762,554 | 45 | 176,851 | 85.9 |
| 508 | Acacia neurophylla subsp. erugata R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885295 | 1,744,125 | 38 | 174,679 | 91.7 |
| 509 | Acacia sclerosperma F.Muell. subsp. sclerosperma | LN885315 | 1,547,970 | 22 | 175,368 | 96.2 |
| 510 | Acacia merrallii F.Muell. | LN885291 | 1,094,617 | 34 | 174,397 | 91.9 |
| 521 | Acacia anthochaera Maslin | LN885246 | 2,910,804 | 40 | 173,720 | 92.3 |
| 524 | Acacia gibbosa R.S.Cowan & Maiden | LN885271 | 1,640,151 | 34 | 177,419 | 91.9 |
| 527 | Acacia eremaea C.R.P.Andrews | LN885264 | 1,718,792 | 33 | 174,238 | 91.8 |
| 530 | Acacia resinimarginea W.Fitzg. | LN885303 | 1,542,336 | 36 | 174,871 | 91.8 |
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| 537 | Acacia inceana subsp. conformis R.S.Cowan & | LN885275 | 405,245 | 41 | 175,011 | 90.6 |
|-----|--|------------|-------------|----|---------|------|
| 520 | Maslin Acacia tetragonophylla | 1 100 5000 | 2 (27 7 7 2 | 40 | 154 410 | 00.4 |
| 538 | F.Muell. | LN885322 | 3,627,752 | 49 | 174,410 | 89.4 |
| 541 | Acacia burkittii Benth. | LN885254 | 1,819,580 | 13 | 173,921 | 90 |
| 543 | Acacia yorkrakinensis subsp. acrita R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885332 | 2,001,053 | 34 | 174,876 | 92.5 |
| 552 | Acacia diallaga Madlin & Buscumb | LN885260 | 2,767,182 | 37 | 176,123 | 91.9 |
| 553 | Acacia karina Maslin & Buscumb | LN885280 | 1,092,043 | 37 | 176,185 | 91.1 |
| 560 | Acacia tetragonophylla F.Muell. | LN885323 | 1,219,136 | 34 | 174,985 | 89.3 |
| 564 | Acacia karina Maslin & Buscumb | LN885281 | 637,643 | 37 | 175,058 | 90 |
| 567 | Acacia erinacea Benth. | LN885266 | 990,844 | 47 | 174,732 | 83 |
| 568 | Acacia acanthoclada subsp. glaucescens Maslin | LN885240 | 1,566,088 | 55 | 174,749 | 85.4 |
| 570 | Acacia sulcaticaulis Maslin & Buscumb | LN885319 | 1,720,677 | 30 | 175,136 | 91.6 |
| 574 | Acacia longispinea Morrison | LN885289 | 1,909,845 | 46 | 175,602 | 90.7 |
| 585 | Acacia colletioides Benth. | LN885256 | 2,792,984 | 34 | 176,817 | 92.1 |
| 586 | Acacia prainii Maiden | LN885299 | 2,579,014 | 39 | 175,472 | 91.7 |
| 589 | Acacia duriuscula W.Fitzg. | LN885261 | 461,049 | | 175,605 | 91.6 |
| 592 | Acacia cerastes Maslin | LN885255 | 1,701,044 | 65 | 173,793 | 87.1 |
| 594 | Acacia resinimarginea W.Fitzg. | LN885304 | 899,241 | 36 | 174,684 | 91.2 |
| 601 | Acacia acuminata Benth. | LN885243 | 1,699,840 | 10 | 174,282 | 89.6 |
| 603 | Acacia coolgardiensis Maiden | LN885257 | 633,187 | 36 | 174,741 | 91.8 |
| 606 | Acacia inceana subsp. conformis R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885276 | 716,683 | 42 | 175,082 | 90 |
| 608 | Acacia aulacophylla R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885251 | 2,468,372 | 43 | 173,215 | 88.2 |
| 611 | Acacia formidabilis R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885269 | 1,185,416 | 37 | 173,894 | 90.1 |
| 612 | Acacia resinosa R.S.Cowan & Maslin | LN885306 | 2,109,674 | 40 | 175,046 | 92 |
| 614 | Acacia rostellifera Benth. | LN885310 | 1,657,690 | 41 | 175,208 | 96.5 |
| 615 | Acacia lasiocalyx C.R.P.Andrews | LN885284 | 1,696,568 | 41 | 174,833 | 91.8 |
| 617 | Acacia jibberdingensis Maiden & Blakely | LN885279 | 1,848,284 | 41 | 178,309 | 91.6 |
| 618 | Acacia longiphyllodinea Maiden | LN885287 | 1,778,076 | 36 | 175,529 | 91.8 |
| 619 | Acacia restiacea Benth. | LN885308 | 3,528,837 | 49 | 173,695 | 87.2 |
| 620 | Acacia anthochaera Maslin | LN885247 | 1,435,546 | 42 | 173,093 | 92.1 |
| 621 | Acacia exocarpoides W.Fitzg | LN885268 | 1,481,765 | 44 | 174,462 | 71 |
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