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Figure 1. The genus Acacia (family Fabaceae) is a large genus of more than 1200 trees and shrubs which are widely distributed throughout the world, with more than 700 species indigenous to Australia. The Australian species had multiple medicinal uses by indigenous Australians, including being used to treat diarrhoea and hyperglycemia[1] and as a general antiseptic agent.[2,3] Many Australian Acacia species have been reported to have antimicrobial, molluscidal, antihypertensive and platelet aggregatory activities.[1] This photograph was taken at Griffith University, Australia by Dr Ian Cock.

Figure 2. Eucalypts are the most iconic Australian medicinal plants and are possibly the most useful commercially for their medicinal properties (including antimicrobial, insect repellent, pesticidal, anticough and decongestant bioactivities).[1,2,4] Eucalyptus is a diverse genus of trees in the family Myrtaceae. Of the more than 700 species that comprise this genus, most are endemic to Australia. A smaller number are also native to New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines. Photograph taken in Perth Botanical Gardens, Australia by Dr Ian Cock.