



One Tree Art Prize

Artist: Lesley Jackes

Title: Acacia peuce

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The tree I love was recently named as *Acacia peuce*, and we saw it in the Northern Territory at eh Matt Clarke, Acacia Peuce Reserve. However, what I found was that this rare and long lived tree has had much more ancient names given to it by the Australian Aboriginal custodians who have lived with the trees for thousands of years. So, I have understood how different people with different languages have awarded it a range of names. It was known as Red Ochre Father and the link from the earth to the sky. I honour you aratara, arripar, kurriyapiri, kungarilga. I speak on your behalf to all humans - Blood and sap, we share a covenant. My seed pod grants me a future - I merge with this land. How are you going humans, will I see you in 500 years?