

T3 Africaster in thorny elm (*chaetacme aristata*)

Serial # 023

Undoubtedly the only guitar in the world with a thorny elm top. Thorny elm is a shrubby tree used traditionally by zulu homesteads to provide a security hedge for their dwellings. In this build, its an elegantly understated top with yellow/green figure that mates superbly with the purple heart fingerboard and african blackwood trim. Brian Porter's mint-green vintage strat pickup set gives this guitar a voice as nuanced as its aesthetics.



Top wood	Thorny elm
Body wood	Sapele Mahogany
Fingerboard	Purple Heart
Neck	African cherry
Body Binding	Gabon Ebony
Neck inlay	Custom mother of pearl
Bridge pickup	Porter custom strat
Neck pickup	Porter custom strat
Middle pickup	Porter custom strat
Headstock inlay	JGS Logo
Electronics	Strat 5-Way
Tuners	Sperzel trim-lok - Black
Bridge	Tremking strat style tremolo
Nut	Bone
Knobs	Dome knobss
Finish	Nitrocellulose lacquer
Neck profile	Skinny C (21mm at first fret)
Fingerboard radius	Compound 16 to 12 inch
Scale length	25.5 inch (647.5 mm)
Nut width	44 mm 1.73 inches
String spacing	35 mm 1.38 inches
Frets to body	16
Weight	2.8 kg 6.2 lbs
Year of manufacture	2013
Price	US\$2,680 ZAR29,212

Body length	405 mm	15.94 inches
Overall length	982 mm	38.66 inches
Width of lower bout	324 mm	12.76 inches
Width of upper bout	280 mm	11.02 inches
Body depth @ neck heel	40 mm	1.57 inches
Body depth @ tail block	40 mm	1.57 inches

