PLANT FACT SHEET

Albizia amara (Roxb.) Boivin

GENUS *Albizia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Bitter albizia, Fine-leafed albizia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Stem, Flower, Leaves

The gum is eaten.
Sections of the stem are cut, sun dried and added to soups.
The leaves are used as an adulterant of tea.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows about 8 m tall. The crown is open. The bark is brown and cracked. The leaves are compound. They are divided twice. The flowers are cream and in heads. The fruit is a long, flat, brown pod.

HABITAT

It grows in bushland on red and sandy soils. It grows between 500-2,000 m above sea level. It grows in areas with a rainfall between 500-800 mm.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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