PLANT FACT SHEET

Albizia anthelmintica (A. Rich.) Brongn.

GENUS *Albizia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Worm-cure albizia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Gum, Roots

The roots are added to meat and milk based soups.
The bark is used to curdle milk.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 2-9 m high. The bark is smooth and grey. The young branches are smooth but can sometimes have a few soft hairs. There is usually a bent hook ate the end of most leaves. The leaves are compound. There are 1-4 pairs of leaflets along 1 or 2 leaflet stalks. The leaflets are 1-4 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The flowers are usually on leafless twigs. They are green. The fruit are pods 7-18 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They are straw coloured when mature. The seeds are about 1 cm across and round and flattened.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in drier types of woodland. It can grow up to 1,000 m altitude. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae. It is used in medicine.

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