PLANT FACT SHEET

Senna reticulata (Willd.) H. S. Irwin & Barneby

GENUS *Senna* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden lantern tree

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12 m tall. The branches occur from the base. They are irregularly angled. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk. There are 8-14 pairs of leaflets that are oblong and 7-18 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. The flowers are in groups at the ends of branches. They have yellow bracts. The flowers are buttercup shaped and orange to yellow. The fruit is a black pod 10-15 cm long. It is enlarged on each side with ribs across it. The seeds are narrowly oval, flattened and 5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along river banks and on the edges of forests in wet areas up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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