PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Xylia xylocarpa* (Roxb.) W. Theob.

**GENUS** *Xylia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds, Fruit

The seeds are roasted and eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The trunk is straight. The branches are slender and drooping. The bark is red brown and thin. The leaves are twice divided with a single pair of side stalks 10-30 cm long. There are 3-7 pairs of opposite leaflets. These are 4-15 cm long by 3-6 cm wide and the top ones are the largest. Young shoots have yellow hairs. Young leaves are pink. The flowers are pale yellow in dense round heads. These are 2 cm across. The fruit is 10-15 cm long by 5-6 cm thick. It is woody and slightly curved. It splits into 2 parts that curve backwards. There are 6-10 flat, dark seeds.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows up to 850 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall of 1,200 to 1,700 mm.

## NOTES

There are 13 Xylia species. Also as Mimosaceae.

## PICTURES



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