PLANT FACT SHEET

Calliandra houstoniana var. calothyrsus (Meisn.) Barneby

GENUS *Calliandra* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Angel's hair, Red calliandra tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Honey, Probably only livestock

Caution: It is probably only eaten by livestock, rabbits and poultry. It is high in tannin.
It is a good honey producing tree.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 12 m tall. The trunk has red or grey bark. It is covered with small pale oval spots. The leaves are twice divided with 15-20 pairs of pinnae. The flowers are pink. The fruit is a pod 8-11 cm long. There are 3-15 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings. It can be used as a good legume mulch for maize and other crops.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

There are about 200 Calliandra species. Also in Mimosaceae.

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