PLANT FACT SHEET

Albizia schimperiana Oliver

GENUS *Albizia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Forest long-pod albizia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Resin, Gum

The resin is picked off the bark and eaten.
Caution: It can possibly cause diarrhoea.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30-40 m high. It loses its leaves for a month. The trunk is straight. The flat crown can be 30 m across. Three varieties are recognised. The bark may be poisonous. The leaves have 4-7 pairs of leaflet stalks with 6-22 pairs of leaflets. They are unevenly oblong. They are often hairy and more pale underneath. The flowers are in loose heads. They are creamy-white. The fruit are flattened pods up to 34 cm long. They are brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is often in gullies in high altitude rainforests. It suits humid locations. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The resin is only available in some years.

NOTES

Probably edible.
Also as Mimosaceae.

PICTURES



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