PLANT FACT SHEET

Baikiaea plurijuga Harms

GENUS *Baikiaea* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Rhodesian teak, Zambezi teak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-17 m high. The crown is round. The young bark is smooth and grey but becomes rough and cracked when old. It loses its leaves. The young branches are hairy. The leaves have leaflets. There are 4 or 5 leaflets. These have rusty brown hairs. The leaflets are 4-7 cm long by about 2 cm wide. They vary in shape. There are up to 40 flowers in a group 4-35 cm long. Only 1 or 2 flowers produce fruit and the rest fall off. The fruit are pods 8-14 cm long by 4-5 cm wide and broadly sword shaped. They split into 2 twisted valves. The seeds are dark red-brown. They are 2-2.5 cm long by 1.5-1.8 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on Kalahari sands. It grows between 900-1,200 m altitudes. It has deep roots that help it avoid moisture stress.

NOTES

It is an important timber tree.
Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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