



PLANT FACT SHEET

Albizia lebbbeck (L.) Benth.

GENUS *Albizia* FAMILY Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Siris tree, East Indian walnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Leaves, Shoots, Flowers

The young leaf tips are cooked and eaten. They are boiled. They have little taste.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 18-30 m tall. The trunk can be 1 m across. The leaves are twice divided. They are 8-15 cm long with 4 pairs of pinnae and each one has 6-18 leaflets. The flowers are white. The flowers have several long stamens 3-4 cm long and they have a sweet smell. The fruit is a pod 15-30 cm long and 3-5 cm wide. There are 6 to 12 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It does not occur on atolls. It is highly salt tolerant. In Townsville Queens BG.

PRODUCTION

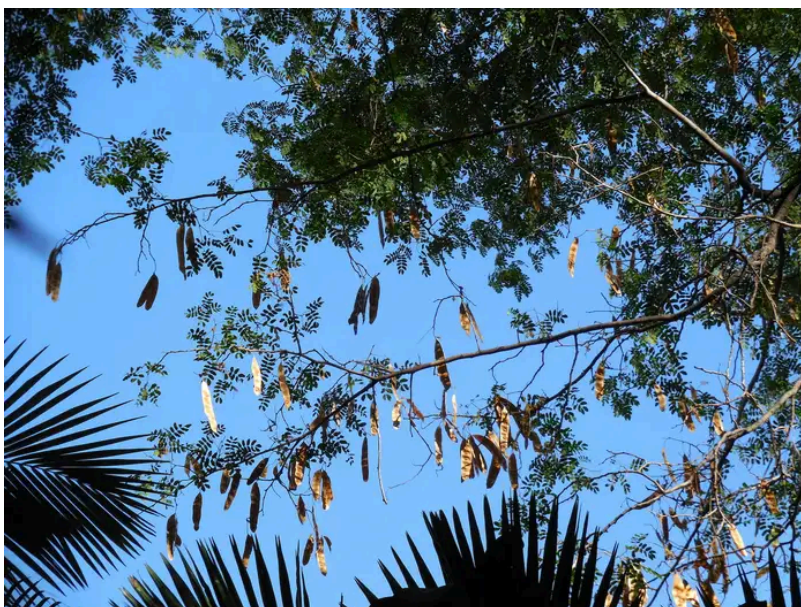
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seed germinate best if put in hot water first. Trees can also be grown from stem or root cuttings. It should be in a sunny location. Trees can be cut back and will re-grow.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

PICTURES



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