PLANT FACT SHEET

Albizia chevalieri Harms

GENUS *Albizia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stems

The young shoots are cooked and eaten. They are used in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows to about 6 m tall. The crown is umbrella shaped. The bark is grey and corky. The branches are softly hairy. The leaves have 8-12 pairs of pinnae each with 20-40 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are 1 cm long. The flowers are in round heads and on stalks 5 cm long. The pods are 10-15 cm long and 2-3 cm wide. There are 7-10 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the Sahel. It needs slightly moist sites and sandy soils. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 500-1,200 mm. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are 145-150 Albizia species. They grow in the tropics and subtropics. Also as Mimosaceae.

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