

Acacia bussei

Fabaceae

Indigenous

Am: *Girar*

Or: *Hallo*

Sm: *Galo, Galool*

Tg: *Gumero*

Ecology

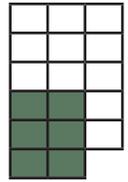
Found in deciduous bushland and dry scrub of the Dry and Moist Bereha, Kolla and Weyna Dega agroclimatic zones of Bale, Sidamo and Harerge regions, 300-1800 m. Occasionally found in Bereha zones also.

Uses

Firewood, charcoal, tannin (bark).

Description

Usually a small tree 3–10 m high, often branching from the base or from a trunk and with a flat top. BARK: Rough brown-black; young branches grey-purple, sometimes hairy. THORNS: Grey, straight to 9 cm. Some are paler, white and swollen, others with a narrow stalk below the swelling. LEAVES: Compound, 2–8 pairs of pinnae on a short stalk, leaflets tiny. FLOWERS: Cream, on spikes to 5 cm. FRUIT: Pods, brown and straight, short and oblong, about 6 cm, split open to set free very small flat seeds.



Propagation

Seedlings.

Seed

Treatment: Soak the seeds in cold water overnight.

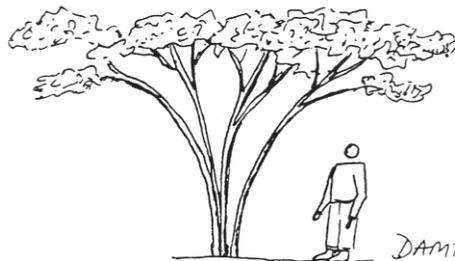
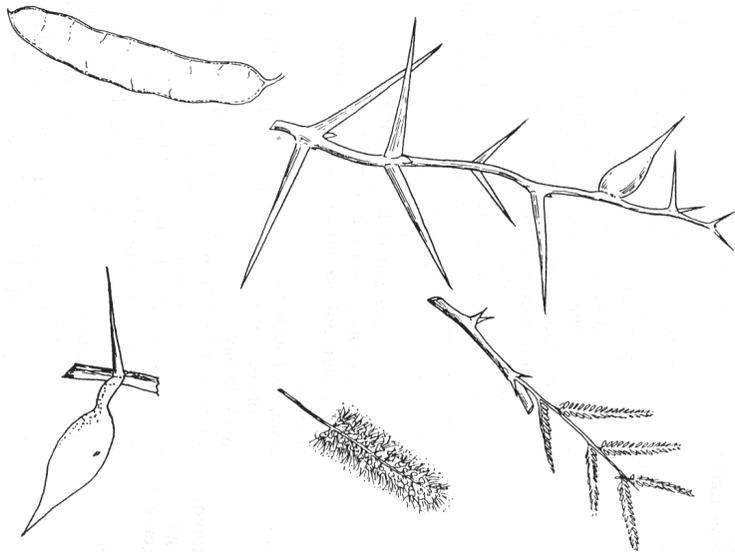
Storage: Stores well.

Management

Coppicing, pruning.

Remarks

A low altitude dryland tree.



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