

Indigenous

- Common names:** Ateso: Eminit **Luganda:** Munyinya **Runyankore:** Mutongore.
- Ecology:** Common in wooded grassland and woodlands of Nyabushozi County of Mbarara District and in North Eastern Region, 1,300-2,000 m. Sometimes riverine in arid and semi-arid areas.
- Uses:** Firewood, charcoal, timber, poles, posts, carvings, medicine (bark), fodder, bee forage, nitrogen fixation.
- Description:** A shrub or tree to 15 m, somewhat flattened or irregular crown. **BARK:** rough, **grey-brown, grooved; branchlets hairy.** **THORNS:** **very short,** straight or hooked, tips brown. **LEAVES:** bipinnate, 5-12 pairs pinnae, **leaflets noticeably hairy.** **FLOWERS:** round, cream heads, stalks hairy. **FRUIT:** brown pods, **smooth grey-brown with darker dots, veins clear, slightly curved, to 22 cm long, about 2 cm wide,** in clusters; seeds flat, about 1 cm long.
- Propagation:** Seedlings (sow seeds in pots), direct sowing at site.
- Seed:** No. of seeds per kg: 10,000-15,000.
- treatment:** immerse seed in hot water, allow to cool and soak for 24 hours.
- storage:** seed can be stored for a long time if kept insect free. Add ash to reduce insect damage.
- Management:** Fast growing where groundwater is available, otherwise slow. Coppicing.
- Remarks:** Because of its thorns the tree should not be planted near homesteads. In Nyabushozi, *A. gerrardii* is often left for shade on farms and rangeland when other vegetation is cleared.

