

Indigenous

Trade name: White nongo.

Common names: **Ateso:** Ebatata **Kwamba:** Bulera **Luganda:** Ssegavu, musebeya, mulongo, nnongo **Lugbara:** Ajuga **Lugishu:** Komosoviyo, chiruku, kironko, kisubi **Luo:** Awak-owak **Luo J:** Bedo **Luo L:** Abaa-achol **Lusoga:** Mulongo, nnongo **Madi:** Adzimeli **Rukiga:** Mushebeya Rukonjo: Musebera Runyankore: Ssegavu, mushebeya **Runyoro:** Muchole, mulonge, nnongo **Sebei:** Swessie.

Ecology: A tree found at low altitudes from Ghana to the Sudan and south to Angola, often in coastal or riverine forests. It is widespread in the lower-altitude forests of Uganda and common in Budongo Forest and forests around Kampala, 790-1,370 m.

Uses: Firewood, charcoal, timber, fodder (leaves), shade, nitrogen fixation.

Description: A semi-deciduous forest tree 15-30 m, the cylindrical bole spreading to a somewhat flattened crown. **BARK:** smooth, grey, with distinct shallow ridges on the bole. **LEAVES:** bipinnate with only **1-4 pairs pinnae**, having 3-6 pairs of medium-sized leaflets. **Leaflets largest at the tip, very one-sided, curved, usually about 3.5 cm long and 1.5 cm across** (even bigger in young plants—up to 10 cm long), the midrib nearly diagonal and continued into the leaf tip which is blunt. **FLOWERS:** in half-spherical heads, small and white with **dense grey hairs outside the corolla and calyx tubes; the stamen filaments lie inside the corolla tube, not hanging out.** **FRUIT:** **red-brown flat pods**, 12-26 cm long and 3-4 cm wide, tip rounded, **dull and well veined**, 6-12 flat oval seeds within.

Propagation: Seedlings, wildings.

Seed: When the pod splits open the seed remain on one side of the pod and are blown long distances by the wind. Difficult to collect.

treatment: immerse in boiling water, allow to cool and soak for 24 hours.

storage: not more than 3 months. Liable to weevil attack. Add ash to reduce insect damage.

Management: Slow growing; coppicing, pollarding.

Remarks: Good shade tree in coffee, banana, cocoa and tea plantations. Gives good durable timber. The older synonym was *A. eggelingii*.

