**Buddleja polystachya**

Loganiaceae

**Indigenous**

*Ag:* Askwar  
*Am:* Anfar, Atquar  
*Or:* Adado, Anfari, Buchema, Dadatu, Qawissa  
*Sd:* Bulchano  
*Tg:* Madere

**Ecology**

A plant distributed from Uganda and Tanzania north into Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Often grows in secondary scrub of semi-arid upper highland forest and at forest edges in Dry, Moist and Wet Weyna Dega and Moist Dega agroclimatic zones, 2,200–3,600 m.

**Uses**

Firewood, charcoal, timber (local house construction), fodder (leaves), live fence.

**Description**

A much-branched shrub or small tree, usually 4–5 m, occasionally to 12 m.  
*BARK:* Red-brown or grey, short bole deeply grooved.  
*LEAVES:* Long and narrow to 15 cm, tip pointed, light grey-green above, underside and stems with dense white-brown hairs, on a 1 cm stalk.  
*FLOWERS:* Bright orange on a long spike to 20 cm, flowers tubular, in small groups with sharp and rather unpleasant smell.  
*FRUIT:* Small dry capsules, open at the tip.

**Propagation**

Seedlings, wildings and cuttings.

**Seed**

Seed germinate well and seedlings are easily raised.

*Treatment:* Not necessary.

**Management**

Lopping, coppicing, and pollarding.

**Remarks**

The dry wood can be used to start fires by rubbing sticks (friction).