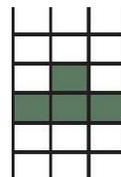


Buddleja polystachya

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.

Storage:

Management

Lopping, coppicing, and pollarding.

Remarks

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

