

# ***Celtis toka***

Ulmaceae

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## **Indigenous**

**Agn:** *Lero*

**Mjr:** *Oleme*

**Nur:** *Riak*

## **Ecology**

In Ethiopia, it grows in Moist Bereha and Moist and Wet Kolla agroclimatic zones of Gambella, Ilubabor and Gamo Gofa, 400 - 600 m, annual rainfall 1,400 - 2,000 mm.

## **Uses**

Firewood, timber (construction), handles, farm implements, food (fruit), fodder (leaves).

## **Description**

It is a huge tree to a height of 15 m and DBH of up to 1.2 m or more. BARK: dark, scaly especially on branchlets, often no scale on young branches, peels off easily from branches. LEAVES: tomentose, alternate, simple, pale green when young and dark green when old, 2-12 cm in length and 1.2-5 cm in width, with four coarse leaf veins radiating from its base towards tip, base asymmetric; petiole 2-10 mm long, margin entire. FLOWER: not conspicuous, yellowish green, flowers stalks short and many along the branchlets. FRUIT: globose, green when young and yellowish at maturity.



## **Propagation**

Seedlings and wildings.

## **Seed**

**Treatment:** No treatment required.

**Storage:** Can store in air-tight containers

## **Management:**

Coppices well. Coppice reduction improves stem growth.

## **Remarks**

Goats and cattle eat the leaves and people the fruits.

