

# Entada abyssinica

*Mimosoideae*

Indigenous

Sh: *Asena*

Tg: *Halka*

Tr: *Subuh*

**Ecology:** A small tree which grows from Sierra Leone and Uganda south to Angola, typically in woodlands. In Eritrea, it is mostly found on the eastern and western escarpments, e.g. around Sabur, Medhanit, Brikentiba, Beareza, Dongolo and Adi-neamen. It also grows on Mt. Lalimba, 600-1,900 m and is usually seen in association with *Combretum molle* and *Terminalia brownii*.

**Uses:** Firewood, timber (doors for local houses), medicine (roots), **fodder, nitrogen fixation**, shade, live fence, fencing (cut branches), fibre (ropes).

**Description:** A deciduous tree without thorns, 3-10 m, dense, leafy, spreading crown, flat or rounded. **BARK:** Grey-brown, rough or smooth. **LEAVES:** Compound, feathery like acacia, 4-22 pairs of pinnae on a stalk about 13 cm long, pink when young, the **leaflets narrow about 1 cm**, tip rounded. **FLOWERS:** **Cream-white-yellow in upright spikes**, long and **narrow to 16 cm**, sweet scented. **FRUIT:** Woody pods which are **long and wide, to 39 x 8 cm**, straight but wavy. The central **1-seeded sections** break away from the woody rim of the pod leaving a **pod skeleton** on the tree. **About 10 papery winged seeds are released.**

**Propagation:** Seedlings, wildings.

**Seed:** Germination  $\pm 70$  %. No. of seeds per kg: 3,600-4,200.

**treatment:** Not necessary.

**storage:**

**Management:** Fast growing on good sites.

**Remarks:**

