

Indigenous

Common names: **Luganda:** Mwolola, musambamazzi **Lugishu:** Musembe **Lugwere:** Mukozia **Lunyuli:** Mujengejenge **Luo J:** Oberipangala **Lusoga:** Musambamadhi **Rukiga:** Kisangi **Runyankore:** Muyora **Sebei:** Musiambu.

Ecology: A small tree which grows from Sierra Leone, Eritrea and Uganda south to Angola, typically found in woodland. In Uganda it grows in wooded grassland, preferring sandy loam soils, 1,300-2,050 m, and is associated with *Albizia zygia* and *A. hockii*.

Uses: Firewood, medicine (roots and bark), shade, nitrogen fixation, soil improvement.

Description: A small deciduous tree 3-10 m, with a **dense leafy spreading crown** and **large conspicuous pods** often remaining on the tree for a long time. **BARK:** grey-brown, rough or smooth. **LEAVES:** compound, feathery and Acacia-like with 4-22 pairs of pinnae and **very many leaflets**, each narrow and up to 1 cm long, tip rounded. **FLOWERS:** small, **creamy-white-yellow, in fluffy spikes** up to 14 cm long, sweet scented. **FRUIT:** woody pods both long and wide to 39 x 10 cm, almost straight. The central sections, each containing one seed, break away from the woody rim leaving **a pod skeleton on the tree. About 10 papery winged seeds.**

Propagation: Seedlings.

Seed info.: No. of seeds per kg: 3,600-4,200. Seed germination rate is very high: 70%-100%.

treatment: not necessary.

storage: seed can be stored.

Management: Coppicing.

Remarks: The tree grows well with crops, and is a good shade and avenue tree. Often conserved around homesteads and in coffee and tea plantations for light shade.

