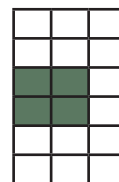


Otostegia integrifolia

Lamiaceae



Indigenous

Am: *Tunjit*

Or: *Tingiti*

Ecology

Found in dry evergreen woodlands of Tigray, Gonder, Welo, Gojam, North Shoa, Kefa and Harerge in Dry and Moist Weyna Dega and Dega agroclimatic zones, 1,300—2,800 m.

Uses

Firewood, medicine, other home uses such as scenting cloth.

Description

A Shrub to 4 m, the stem angled and older stems ash grey and flaking, often bearing paired spines at the nodes. LEAVES: Simple, oblanceolate to lanceolate, 2-9 cm long, aromatic, the edge double toothed or round toothed. FLOWERS: 2-lipped with yellow or yellow-orange lower petal and white or cream upper, the orange anthers held inside the upper petal.

Propagation

Seedlings.

Seed

Treatment: No need.

Storage: Can be stored in an air-tight container.

Management

Coppicing.

Remarks

Brewing jars are smoked and scented by burning the leaves of this species. The tree forms a good hedge and ornamental fence. Certain communities believe it expels evil spirits.

