

Madagascar

Common names: **English:** Terminalia.

Ecology: A tree from Madagascar, now very popular in East Africa, especially Kenya. It has recently been introduced to Uganda and has gained popularity as an ornamental. It has been planted around Parliament buildings and along some streets in Kampala. It grows well in good soil and is drought resistant once established. Since the tree rarely flowers at high altitudes, seed is collected from trees in hotter low areas.

Uses: Shade, ornamental.

Description: A shapely tree to about 10 m, with **leafy horizontal branches**. **BARK:** pale, grey, smooth. **LEAVES:** in **terminal rosettes of 4-9 unequal leaves on short thickened stalks**, up to 7 cm, **tip rounded, edge wavy**, bright green when young. **FLOWERS:** small, green in erect spikes to 5 cm long. **FRUIT:** small green and oval to 1.5 cm with no obvious wings.

Propagation: Seedlings.

Seed: Easily collected.

treatment: soak in cold water for 24 hours after removing the wing,

storage: can be stored, but storage can normally be avoided since seeds are plenty.

Management: Fast growing on good sites.

Remarks: Seedlings of this species fetch good prices.

