

Zanthoxylum chalybeum

Rutaceae

Indigenous

Common names: Ateso: Eusuk Luganda: Ntaleyedungu Lugwere: Musuku Luo A: Kichuk, roki.

Ecology: A deciduous tree of medium to low altitudes in dry woodland, bushland or grassland, often on termite mounds, from Ethiopia to Southern Africa, up to 1,500 m.

Uses: Firewood, utensils (spoons, combs), carving, medicine (leaves, bark, roots).

Description: A spiny deciduous shrub or tree to 8 m, the crown rounded but open. The bole has characteristic large, conical woody knobs with sharp prickles. **BARK:** pale grey, smooth, dark scales and prickles protect buds. **LEAVES:** compound, a strong lemon **smell** if crushed, the leaf **stalk with** hooked prickles below, 6-9 pairs of shiny leaflets. **FLOWERS:** yellow-green in short sprays below leaves on new branchlets. **FRUIT:** red-brown-purple, like berries, open to release shiny **black seeds**.

Propagation: Seedlings, wildings.

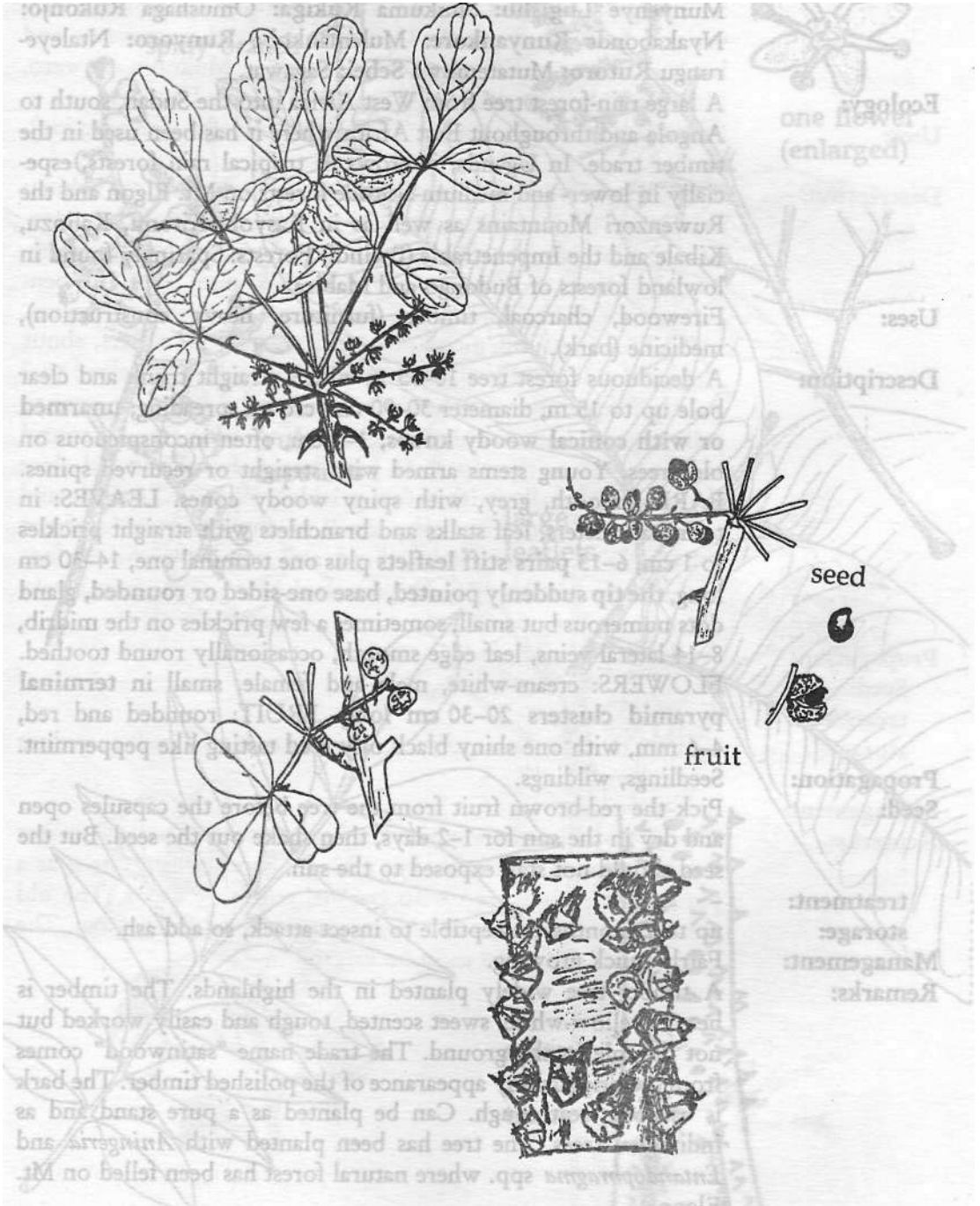
Seed info.: No. of seeds per kg: about 30,000.

treatment: not necessary.

storage: short lived; lose viability within a few weeks.

Management: Coppicing, pollarding.

Remarks: Plant as a back-yard shrub. The wood is of little value but has been used for carving. Extracts are said to cure malaria.



Ecology
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(pedagogy)

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