

## *Albizia lebbbeck*

### Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae  
Order : Fabales  
Family : Fabaceae  
Genus : *Albizia*  
Species : *A. lebbbeck*



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### **DESCRIPTION :**

*Albizia lebbbeck* is a species of *Albizia*, native to Indomalaya, New Guinea and Northern Australia and widely cultivated and naturalised in other tropical and subtropical regions. English names for it include **lebbbeck**, **lebbek tree**, **flea tree**, **frywood**, **koko** and **woman's tongue tree**. The latter name is a play on the sound the seeds make as they rattle inside the pods. Being one of the most widespread and common species of *Albizia* worldwide, it is often simply called **siris**, though this name may refer to any locally common member of the genus.

*A. lebbbeck tree* growing to a height of 18–30 m tall with a trunk 50 cm to 1 m in diameter. The leaves are bipinnate, 7.5–15 cm long, with one to four pairs of pinnae, each pinna with 6–18 leaflets. The flowers are white, with numerous 2.5–3.8 cm long stamens, and very fragrant. The fruit is a pod 15–30 cm long and 2.5–5.0 cm broad, containing six to twelve seeds

### **MEDICINAL USES:**

- In India and Pakistan, the tree is used to produce timber. Lebbbeck is an astringent, also used by some cultures to treat boils, cough, to treat the eye, flu, gingivitis, lung problems, pectoral problems, is used as a tonic, and is used to treat abdominal tumors.
- The bark is used medicinally to treat inflammation. This information was obtained via ethnobotanical records,