

Albizia lebbeck

(Woman's Tongue, Siris Tree)

The women tongue tree is a medium size tree reaching 15-20 m in height with a spreading canopy. The name came from the jingle sound of the seeds inside the pods when it shakes. The tree is very widespread in the Arabic peninsula due to its high tolerance of drought, heat and salt. The flowers are white and very fragrant. The plant is fully but briefly deciduous in the dry season.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: -

Arabic Name: لبخ

Pronunciation: al-BIZ-ee-uh LEB-ek

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: South Asia

Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Windbreak, Erosion control

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate
Leaf Venation: Pinnate
Leaf Persistence: Deciduous
Leaf Type: Bipinnately compound
Leaf Blade: Less than 5
Leaf Shape: Oval
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Fine
Leaf Scent: No Fragrance
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Brown

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Flower Type: Capitulum
Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)
Flower Scent: Pleasant
Flower Color: White, Pink
Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage
Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk
Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume
Fruit Showiness: True
Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Fruit Colors: Brown
Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed

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Fruit Image



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Bark Image



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