Albizia harveyi Sickle-leaved Albizia

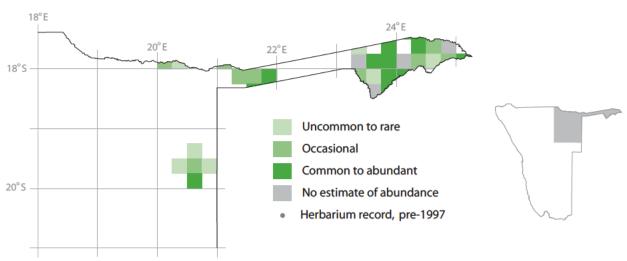
Bleekblaarboom (A); Sichelblattalbizia (G); masapo, sau (J)

[96 records from 33 (3%) squares]

A slender tree, with a rounded crown. BARK dark grey, rough, horizontally fissured. LEAVES with numerous small, distinctly sickle-shaped leaflets, with a pointed apex. FLOWERS white, with the smallest clusters of all Namibian *Albizia*. FRUIT a yellow-brown to brown pod, with a rounded apex; slightly raised over the seeds.

Flowers and fruit are conspicuous. It may be confused with *A. brevifolia*, but the distribution and habitat differ. May also be confused with various *Acacia* spp. from a distance and without flowers, but from close up it clearly lacks thorns.



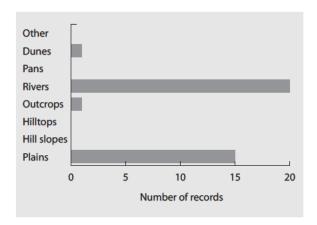


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Common to abundant and widespread in eastern Caprivi; occasional along the Okavango River; uncommon to occasional in the Nyae Nyae area.

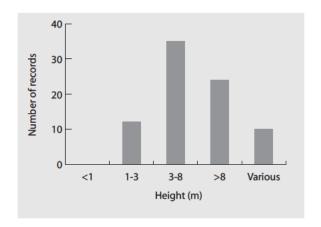
HABITAT

Found on plains, river banks and floodplains; only on plains in the Nyae Nyae area. Always on sand.



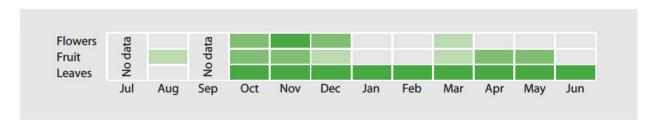
GROWTH FORM

A tree of 3–8 m high, sometimes taller than 8 m, with a few records of younger trees. No trees over 8 m were recorded from the Nyae Nyae area.



ANNUAL CYCLE

No observations in September. FLOWERS from October to December and again in March. FRUIT from October to December and March to May, with single records between May and October. Leaves present most of the year, with young leaves in October.



CONSERVATION CONCERNS: None recorded.

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