

Foetidia asymetrica H. Perrier

Menambaho

Large tree easily identified thanks to its ascending main branches, dense thin shoots and light coloured bark.

Lecythidaceae

Striking features

- asymmetry of the leaves.
- light-coloured, smooth bark.
- ascending main branches.
- branches with many thin shoots
- woody 'winged' fruits.



Description

Stature: dense crown with ascending main branches, ramified branchlets and numerous thin shoots.

Size: large tree.

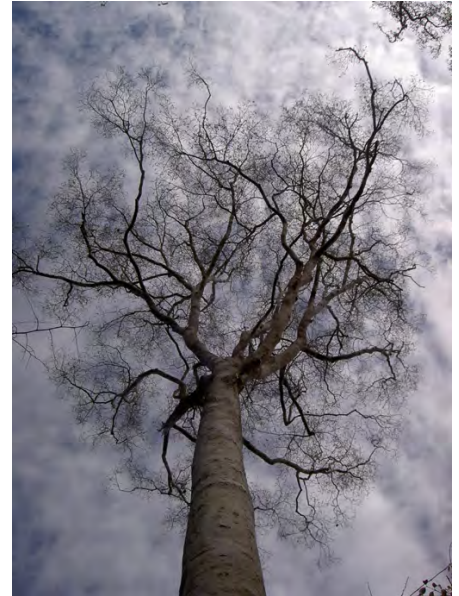
Bark: fairly smooth and horizontally striated. Mosaic of mainly whitish and pinkish patches.

Leaves: simple, entire and sessile (to 8 x 2.5 cm). Ssymmetric with the blade on one side of the midrib much narrower than the other. Alternate and grouped in batches of 7 to 12 leaves per shoot.

Flower: solitary large flowers with numerous stamens but lacking petals.

Fruit: woody fruits crowned by a wing-like structures.

Seed:



Ecology

Status and distribution: endemic species recorded in 1954 in the Flore de Madagascar as rare Then only known from two locations.

Habitat requirements:

Phenology: deciduous.

Kirindy: In Kirindy, on intermediate (red & yellow) soils.

Reproduction:



Uses

Wood is light and heavy. It is affected by changes in humidity.

Sources and further information

General:

Botanical description: Abraham (1991) p 79. Flore de Madagascar No 149.

Forestry:

Kirindy: Anon. (1993) no. 254.

Herbarium specimen:

