

Stereospermum euphorioides DC

Mangarahara

Bignoniaceae

Striking features

- seedless fruit especially on ground



Description

Stature:

Size: large tree to 20-(30)m high.

Bark:

Leaves: 20-30cm long, opposite, imparipinnate with up to 11 leaflets.

Flower: in large inflorescences.

Fruit: straight (8-15 x 1.2-1.5 cm), semi-cylindrical containing 10-12 seeds.

Seed: 0.7-0.8 cm with 2 wings about 15 mm long.



Ecology

Status and distribution: common in western Madagascar.

Habitat requirements:

Phenology: flowers Nov-Jan and fruits May to November.

Kirindy: On very dry soils.

Reproduction: wind-dispersed.



Uses: Has medicinal uses against malaria.

Sources and further information

General: Rasoanaivo et al (1992)

Botanical description: Flore de Madagascar No 178.

Forestry:

Kirindy:

Herbarium specimen: