

## Parkia biglandulosa (Badminton Ball Tree) - Plant



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Description

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The farinaceous pulp which surrounds the seeds is edible and so also are the seeds themselves, which taste like garlic. For most part of the year, this tree is very easily confused with Delonix or Jacaranda species.

s only during December-January, appearance of tennis-ball shaped fluffy flower heads makes one realise that this tree has to be Parkia! In the winter season, 1½ - 2 ft branches, hanging from the leaf axil, bear rust coloured bead-like flower heads, which gradually gain size of a tennis ball - and the "flowers" bloom to spectacular white electric bulbs!

lowers in round white heads are prominent, hence the native name 'Chendul' or ball.

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Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Parkia biglandulosa	Grown	January - March	0.5 to 3ft	Easy to grow

### Planting and care

African locust tree is a tall handsome tree, native of W. Africa. Large trees are frequently found in old Mahomedan gardens about the city of Hyderabad, Golconda and elsewhere. The farinaceous pulp which surrounds the seeds is edible and so also are the seeds themselves, which taste like garlic. For most part of the year, this tree is very easily confused with Delonix or Jacaranda species.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun	Well-drained soil	Medium	22 oC to 38 oC	Apply any organic fertilizer

### Caring for Parkia biglandulosa

- Leaves bipinnate with very numerous leaflets; rachis of leaf downy, 1 ft. of more long; pinnae 20-30 pair, 60 to 100 pairs leaflets, rigid, 1/4 in. long.
- Presence of two glands at the base of leaf, lends this species the name, biglandulosa. It is an avenue tree in Chennai.

## Typical uses of Parkia biglandulosa

**Special features:** This tree is very easily confused with Delonix or Jacaranda species.

**Culinary use:** leaves

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

## References

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Badminton%20Ball%20Tree.html>