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Herbarium	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (K)
Collection	Flora of Tropical East Africa
Resource Type	Reference Sources
Entry from	Flora of Tropical East Africa, page 1 (1967) Author: J. P. M. Brenan
Names	<i>AFZELIA africana</i> Pers. [family LEGUMINOSAE-CAESALPINIOIDEAE], Syn. Pl. 1: 455 (1805); Harms in V.E. 3(1): 458, fig. 251 (1915); L.T.A.: 700 (1930); Chalk, Burt Davy, Desch & Hoyle, Twenty W. Afr. Timber Trees (For. Trees & Timb. Brit. Emp. 2): 15, fig. 2 & photos. (1933); J. Léon. in Reinwardtia 1: 64 (1950) & in F.C.B. 3: 355, fig. 27/C (1952); I.T.U., ed. 2: 55, fig. 12 (1952); F.W.T.A., ed. 2, 1: 459, fig. 149 (1958). Type: uncertain <i>Intsia africana</i> (Pers.) O. Kuntze [family LEGUMINOSAE-CAESALPINIOIDEAE], Rev. Gen. Pl. 1: 192 (1891)
Information	Tree 6–30 m. high, with flat or rounded spreading crown; bark grey to dark brown, scaly; branchlets glabrous. Leaves: rachis with petiole 4–32 cm. long or more; leaflets (mature) 2–5(–6) pairs, petiolulate, elliptic to ovate-elliptic, mostly 5–15 cm. long, 2.8–6.9(–8.5) cm. wide, obtusely pointed to ± acuminate at apex. Inflorescences paniculate, with racemose branches 3–13 cm. long, rarely (? casually and by reduction) inflorescence simply racemose. Flowers sweetly scented, with hypanthium 0.3–0.6 cm. long. Sepals shortly and densely velvety-pubescent or -puberulous outside, broadly obovate-elliptic to rotund, 2 outer 6–9 mm. long, 5–7 mm. wide, 2 inner 7–11 mm. long, 6–10 mm. wide. Large petal 1.1–2 cm. long, white or greenish-white, with pinkish-crimson streak down centre, with a rather long claw suddenly widened into a bilobed lamina 0.7–1.1 cm. wide. Stamens 7 fertile, with ± pubescent filaments. Style ± pubescent below. Pods straight, 10.5–20.5 cm. long, 5.5–8.5 cm. wide. Seeds black, ellipsoid or oblong-ellipsoid, 1.6–3 cm. long, 1.1–2.1 cm. wide, with an orange cup-shaped basal aril.

Range	DISTR. U1, 2 (fide I.T.U., ed. 2: 57) from Senegal eastwards to the Sudan Republic and Uganda, including the Congo Republic
Altitude range	1220–1370 m.
Distribution	UGANDA Acholi District: N. of Kitgum, Jan. 1937, Sangster 223 ! W. Nile District: Metuli, Dec. 1931, Brusnett 306 ! & Payida, escarpment foot, 21 Mar. 1945, Greenway & Eggeling 7238 !

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