

# ***Pouteria adolfi-friedericii***

(*Aningeria adolfi-friedericii*)

Sapotaceae



## **Indigenous**

**Am:** *Keraro*

**Gm:** *Kawu*

**Kf:** *Shonga*

**Or:** *Guduba, Suduba*

**Sd:** *Guduba*

**Wt:** *Shosho*

## **Ecology**

An upper-storey tree in evergreen rain forest and *Olea* forests in Moist and Wet Weyna Dega and Moist and Wet Dega agroclimatic zones of Sidamo, Gamo Gofa, Ilubabor, Wolega, Kefa, Arsi, Shoa and Bale, 1,300—2,400 m.

## **Uses**

Firewood, timber (general purpose, joinery, plywood, veneer).

## **Description**

A very tall tree, to 50 m, with a clear straight bole to about 16 m, topped by a rather small dense crown, mature trees buttressed at the base. BARK: Pale, grey-brown, smooth to lightly grooved, much white latex if cut and an unpleasant smell. Flower and leaf stalks, buds and shoots covered with golden-brown hairs. LEAVES: Stiff and large to 22 x 8 cm, usually smaller, dark shiny green above, hairy pale orange below, 10–20 pairs of prominent veins, the tip pointed, on a twisted stalk to 2 cm. FLOWERS: Cream-green, very small, in clusters beside leaves, sepals and flower stalks brown, hairy, soon falling to the ground. FRUIT: Hard, green, narrow to 4 cm with a beak, the soft hairy skin milky

but inside is one shiny brown seed to 3 cm long with a large white scar (hilum). The seed contains edible oil.

## **Propagation**

Seedlings and wildings.

## **Seed**

Fruit mature in April.

**Treatment:** Not necessary but seed should be sown fresh.

**Storage:** Seed has a very short viability period.

## **Management**

Weeding when young.

## **Remarks**

This valuable timber tree has been grown in plantations.

