

Black Siris

**Common name:** Black Siris, Kokko

**Botanical name:** *Albizia lebbek*

**Family:** Mimosoideae; **Name in Tamil:** *Karuvakai, Sittilavakai*



**Field identification:** Large, deciduous tree up to 18 m high and 1.5-1.8 m diameter. Bark dark grey/brown, rough but not deeply fissured. Leaves bipinnate, pinnae 2-3 pairs 5-20 cm, leaflets 6-9 pairs 2.5-5 x 1.5-2.5 cm. Flowers white, fragrant, in large globose heads. Pods straw coloured 10-30 cm x 2.5-5 cm

**Location on campus:** Scattered across campus. E.g. Alumni House, Second Gate, Nursery School Garden

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