

# Identifying **Albizia** (**Falcataria** moluccana)

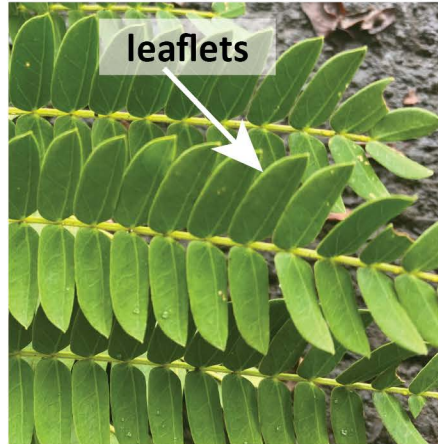
*Falcataria moluccana* was introduced to Hawaii over 100 years ago and has been identified as one of the most problematic invasive species today. Possibly the fastest growing tree in the world, albizia forms weak, brittle wood, matures quickly, and spreads easily through wind-borne seeds. It poses a serious threat to both our natural environment and our public safety.

## Features

### Leaf



### Leaflets



### Flower

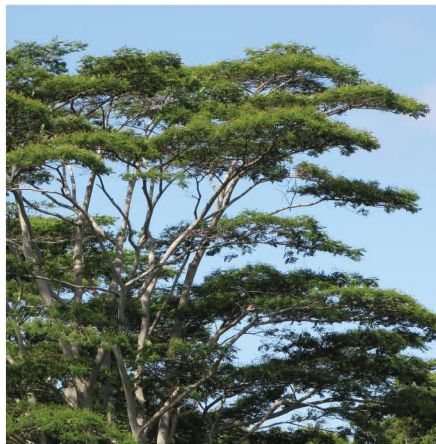


The leaves are twice pinnately compound with small leaflets. These small leaflets are green, elliptic shaped ranging from light to dark green. Albizia flowers are creamy white or yellow and slightly scented.

### Trunk



### Canopy



### Seeds



The bark is smooth to slightly warty and grayish cream in color, while the younger branches are greenish to reddish brown. A large tree with a massive trunk grows up to 150 feet tall. Albizia has an expansive loose crown with a flat top. Seed pods are green and ripen to brown, strap-shaped bean pods with brown, disk-shaped seeds.