Broussonetia papyrifera

Indigenous

Common names: **English:** Paper Mulberry.

Ecology: Locations within which Paper Mulberry is [**naturalised**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#naturalised) include Latin America, the United States, south and west Asia and Africa. Paper Mulberry is invasive in parts of Uganda.

**Uses:** Firewood, paper, deer food, timber, cloth

**Description:** A [**deciduous**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#deciduous) [**tree**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#tree) growing up to 15 metres tall, sometimes higher in ideal conditions. BARK: composed of very strong fibres, and can be used for making high-quality paper (hence the common name of paper or pulp mulberry). LEAVES: variable in shape (even on the same branch), unlobed egg-shaped with broad end at base ([**ovate**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#ovate)), [**cordate**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#cordate)(heart-shaped) to deeply [**lobed**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#lobed). They are 7-20 cm long, with a rough surface above, fuzzy-downy below and a finely [**serrated**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#serrated) margin. FLOWERS: male (staminate) flowers are produced in an [**oblong**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#oblong) [**inflorescence**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#inflorescence), and the female (pistillate) flowers in a [**globular**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#globular) [**inflorescence**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#inflorescence). FRUIT: the pistillate flower matures into a red to orange fruit 3-4 cm in diameter

**Propagation:** Seedlings

**Seed:** Controlling the [**weed**](https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v3/eafrinet/weeds/key/weeds/Media/Html/glossary.htm#weed) before it seeds will reduce future problems

**treatment:** not necessary

**storage:** seed can be stored for up to two years.

**Management:** Fast growing.

**Remarks:**