

# **Silktree**

# Albizia julibrissin

# **Description**

Introduced in 1745 as an ornamental.

## Habit

Deciduous, leguminous tree that can grow up to 10-50 feet tall.

## Leaves

Fern-like, finely divided, 5-8 inches long by 3-4 inches wide, alternate along the stems.

#### **Stems**

Bark is light brown in color, nearly smooth and generally thin with lens shaped areas along the stem.

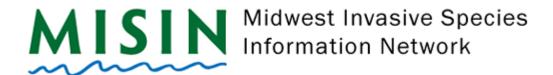
## **Flowers**

Showy, fragrant, pink in color, 1.5 inches long, resemble pom-poms and arranged in panicles at the ends of branches.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Flat, straw colored pods, 6 inches long containing light brown, oval-shaped seeds that are about 0.5





in. long.

### Habitat

Native to Asia. Can be found along roadsides, open vacant lots, stream banks, and riparian areas.

# Reproduction

By seed and vegetatively.

#### Similar

# **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Seedlings can be effectively controlled by handpulling. Cutting and repeated cutting for sprout and girdling for larger trees. Can be effectively controlled using any of several readily available general use herbicides such as glyphosate or triclopyr.

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