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Picramnia pentandra

BITTER BUSH is a tree. It is native to tropical America (particularly the West Indies, southern Florida (United States) and the Bahamas).

It is also known as *Bois mondongue* (French), *Bwa madame* (Creole), Florida bitterbush, and Honduras bark.

Pentandra means 'with five stamens'.

Its moistened leaves (when rubbed), yield a mauve dye. This is used to colour ceriman roots (*Monstera deliciosa*) that are fashioned into baskets by Caribbean women.

The bark, familiar as Honduras bark, is used medicinally in the Caribbean.