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Pithecellobium arboreum

[Synonyms : *Acacia arborea*, *Cojoba arborea*, *Feuilleea filicifolia*, *Mimosa arborea*, *Mimosa filicifolia*, *Pithecellobium filicifolium*, *Samanea arborea*]

WILD TAMBRAN is a tree. Native to Central America it has white flowers.

It is also known as Wild tamarind.

Warning – the sawdust can cause dermatitis.

The tree is protected in the wild.

Arboreum is derived from Latin *arbor* (tree) meaning ‘tree-like or tending to be woody’.

This hard and durable wood has been used locally for housebuilding. It has also been used for veneering, turning, building interiors and flooring. It has been made into furniture, posts – and sculptures as well.