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Prosopis nigra

[Synonyms : *Prosopis algarrobilla*, *Prosopis algarrobilla* var. *nigra*, *Prosopis dulcis*, *Prosopis dulcis* var. *australis*]

BLACK ALGARROBA is a spiny tree. It is native from Argentina to Brazil

It is also known as Algarrobo negro (English, Spanish), Caroba, Ironwood, and Screwbean.

Nigra means 'black'.

The fruit have been used in some parts of Argentina for preparing an alcoholic drink.

In drier areas of South America this tree is valued primarily as a source fodder (for cattle to browse), and a shade tree too.

The often wavy-striped, brown wood has been used for boatbuilding, carriages, flooring, turning, furniture and building interiors. It has also been made into charcoal and it has been burnt as fuel.