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Pterocarpus erinaceus

[Synonyms : *Lingoum erinaceum*, *Pterocarpus adansonii*, *Pterocarpus africanus*, *Pterocarpus schinatus*]

AFRICAN ROSEWOOD is a deciduous tree. Native to West Africa it has bright yellow flowers.

It is also known as African kino, Barwood, Bloodwood, Gambia kino, and West African rosewood.

The trunk yields a red gum known as Kino.

Erinaceus is Latin (hedgehog) meaning 'hedgehog-like'.

African rosewood yields a red dye from its bark and wood. The bark can also be used for tanning.

The hard reddish-brown wood is used for cabinetwork.

It was in 1757 that the first supplies of Kino arrived in Europe for medicinal use when it was believed to be a rare form of dragon's blood (*Daemonorops draco*). It was used to treat diarrhoea and dysentery.