

Bloodwood (Dragon's Blood Tree)

Pterocarpus officinalis



Habit- Tree

Origin- Central and South America

Family- Fabaceae

Size- 50 feet

Description- Leaves pinnately-compound, 20 inches long. Flowers in clusters, yellow.

Comments- While growing, wood produces blood-colored resin which pours through fissures in bark; hence one common name is dragon's blood.

Uses- Source of valuable timber called padauk, whose warm brown color makes it a favorite among woodworkers.

Location at MPZBG- AMAZONIA