PLANT FACT SHEET

Zygophyllum simplex Linn.

GENUS *Zygophyllum* **FAMILY** Zygophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Simple-leaved bean caper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A succulent annual herb. It can be a straggly plant in dry conditions or a rounded mat in damp conditions. It grows 10 cm high. The leaves are fleshy and bright green. They are simple and cylinder shaped. The flowers are yellow. They occur singly or in pairs in the axils of leaves. They smell sweetly at night. The fruit vary in shape but are succulent when fresh. They contain 1-9 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. It can grow in salty soils. It can be grown to reduce soil salinity. It is very salt tolerant. In Bahrain it grows in sandy, gravelly or stony soils. It grows between sea level and 1,370 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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