PLANT FACT SHEET

Randia armata (Sw.) DC.

GENUS *Randia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Thorny randia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can be climbing. It grows 5 m high. It can be a tree to 11 m high. The bark is reddish-brown but becomes grey. The flowering shoots are short. They have 1-2 pairs of sharp thorns. The male flowers are in bundles and the female flowers occur singly. The stalks have soft grey hairs. The fruit is a round berry. It is 2-3 cm across. The fruit are green but turn orange-yellow. The pulp is edible. They have some hairs. The seeds are in 2 rows. They are flattened and black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist and wet lowland forest. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

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