PLANT FACT SHEET

Pterolobium stellatum (Forssk.) Brenan

GENUS *Pterolobium* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Redwing

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Pods

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub. It can grow 15 m high. The young stems are covered hairs and with prickles. The leaves are compound. The leaflets are 6-10 mm long and 2-4 mm wide with 7-16 pairs of leaflets per leaflet stalk. The fruit is a pod with wings. It is bright red. The pods are 3-5 cm long. The seed is at the base and is 10 mm long by 5-7 mm wide and 3 mm thick.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on the edge of the forest. It grows up to 1,750 m altitude. In Zimbabwe it is between 850-1,750 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 10 Pterolobium species. 9 are in Asia and 1 in Africa. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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