PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia jacquemontii (Benth.) Ali

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Babul, Bamul

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

The gum is poor quality but is eaten in times of scarcity.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grow up to 2.5 m high. The twigs zigzag. It has several shoots. The bark is greyish brown. The spines are straight. The leaf stalk can be 5 cm long. There are 1-4 pairs of pinnae. These are 5-15 cm long. These contain 5-10 pairs of leaflets. These are 3-4 mm long. The fruit is a pod 5-7 cm long and about 1 cm wide. It has 5-6 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is used in Rajasthan, India in Jaisalmer district. It can tolerate drought. It grows in dry sandy soils.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.

PICTURES



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