PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia cornigera (L.) Siegler & Ebinger.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Bullhorn acacia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems, Fruit, Pods, Vegetable

The stems are used as a vegetable.
The pulp of the pod is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 10 m tall. It has dark brown thorns. These are 5 cm long and 1 cm wide. There are 2 thorns together. The leaves are twice divided. They are 8-20 cm long with 4-8 pairs of pinnae. There are 15-25 pairs of leaflets on these. The flower spike is about 3.8 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in arid places. It grows between 100-900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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