PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis erythrocarpus var. rosea (Klotzsch) DeWolf

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Red-fruited caper-bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling herb or shrub. It grows 2 m tall. It has sharp thorns in pairs. The branches are slightly zigzag shaped. The leaves are narrowly oval and 5 cm long by 3 cm wide. They have grey velvet hairs when young. The flowers occur singly in the axils of the leaves. They are greenish-white. The fruit is narrowly oval and 4 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. It has 6-8 ridges. When it is ripe it turns deep pink.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Mozambique it grows between sea level and 400 m above sea level. It grows in dry deciduous woodland.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In East Africa, plants flower in September to October.

NOTES

It is an Unresolved name in The Plant List.

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