PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Zanthoxylum clava-herculis L.

GENUS *Zanthoxylum* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Hercules club, Pepperwood, Toothache tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - flavouring

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 3-10 m tall. It is spiny. The bark has corky lumps 2-3 cm long. The leaves are 20-30 cm long with 7-19 leaflets along the side. Each leaflet is 4-5 cm long. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowering groups are 20 cm long. Each flower is 6-8 mm across. Fruit occur in clusters. The fruit are 6 mm across and have a rough surface. Fruit contain one seed.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on sandy soils and can be in open or shaded positions. It suits hardiness zone 6.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows at a medium rate.

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