PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis shanesiana F. Muell.

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small spreading shrub. It grows 1-3 m high and 1-4 m wide. The bark is pale grey, hard and deeply cracked. It is a neat shrub with a rounded, dense, green crown. The young shoots have long yellow hairs. The stems have thorns which curve backwards. The leaves are 6-10 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are sword shaped, thick and leathery. They are hairy underneath. The flowers are 7-8 cm across. They are white with pink stamens. The fruit is a berry 4-5 cm across. It is round and wrinkled. The fruit pulp is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in inland areas of central Queensland. It grows in open savannah type woodland.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 250 Capparis species. There are about 50 Capparis species in tropical America.

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