PLANT FACT SHEET

Pistacia terebinthus L.

GENUS *Pistacia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Terebinth

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Flowers, Oil, Seeds - spice

The fruit are used to make a drink. The dry fruit is used as coffee. The fruit are eaten fresh, dried or roasted. They are also used to make a special bread.
The young leaves are eaten alone. They are also added to pickles. They are also fried with onion and egg.
The flowers are eaten raw.
The oil from the fruit is used in cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 10 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are compound and 10-20 cm long. The pinnae have 5-11 opposite oval leaflets. These are shiny and 2-6 cm long by 103 cm wide. Trees are separately male and female. The flowers are reddish-purple. The fruit are small and round and 5-7 mm long. They are blue and turn red to black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows up to 600 m above sea level.

PICTURES



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