PLANT FACT SHEET

Asparagus nelsii Schinz

GENUS *Asparagus* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Sandveld asparagus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Vegetable

The plant is eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small spreading shrub. It keeps growing from year to year but loses its leaves. The stems are spiny. It grows 1 m high. The flattened leaf like stems are narrow and in groups or 4-9. They are greyish-green and 25 mm long. The flowers are white or pale green. The fruit is a one-seeded red berry.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on soil from limestone material. It grows in well-drained sandy or stony soils. It can grow in arid places.

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