PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis canescens Banks ex DC.

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild orange, Grey capparis, Orangewood, Wild pomegranate

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The almost ripe fruit are picked and then buried for a day to ripen. This makes them more sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows up to 4 m high. It spreads 1-2.5 m wide. There are thorns on young plant parts. The leaves have short felty hairs. The leaves are alternate and oval and 10 cm long. The buds have four ridges. The fruit can be smooth or warty. They grow to the size of an orange. They are 2-7 cm across. The fruit and seeds are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is sensitive to cold. In north Queensland it grows from sea level to 840 m altitude. It grows on open woodlands and on a range of soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed.

NOTES

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

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