PLANT FACT SHEET

Condalia buxifolia Reissek

GENUS *Condalia* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Box leaf condalia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Fruit - drink

The fruit are eaten fresh. They are also dried and boiled.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 3-5 m high. It is very spiny. The young branches are 1-7 cm long with many short buds and a spine at the tip. The crown is dense. The trunk is short and 15-25 cm across. The bark is grey and splitting and flaking off. The leaves are simple. The leaf blade is oval and 2-3 cm long by 1 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 2-10 and are greenish yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mixed humid forest and grassland in Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Seeds can be collected from ripe fruit by shaking the fruiting branches onto canvas and the fruit are then put into plastic bags to allow them to partly decompose so that the seeds can be washed out with running water. Seeds should be planted while fresh. They should be planted with light shade. Seedlings emerge in 60-80 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

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