PLANT FACT SHEET

Pistacia mexicana Kunth

GENUS *Pistacia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Texas pistacio, Mexican pistacio

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen shrub or tree. It grows 9 m high and spreads 4.5 m wide. The branches are low down. The leaves are 5-10 cm long. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 10-22 leaflets. The leaflet at the end is smaller. The leaflets are about 12 mm long and curved and with unequal sides. Trees are separately male and female. The flowers are small and dark red. They are in branched clusters 6 cm long. The female trees produce fleshy, dark brown fruit. These are 5 mm long and nutlike. They contain one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows on dry limestone cliffs and along ravines. It grows between 180-300 m altitude in SE region of USA. It is drought resistant. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 8-12.

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