PLANT FACT SHEET

Schotia capitata Bolle

GENUS *Schotia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf boer-bean, Small schotia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - nectar

The nectar of the flowers is drunk.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or slender tree. It grows up to 6 m tall. Mostly it has a single stem but may have several stems. The branches point upwards. The bark is grey. The leaves are divided once. The leaves are 8 cm long and they fold along the midrib. There are usually 3-5 pairs of leaflets. They are rounded and 1.3-2.5 cm long. They do not have a stalk but have a sharply pointed tip. The flowers are bight scarlet and cup shaped. They occur in dense round bunches at the ends of branches. They flowers have lots of nectar. This is edible. The pods are large and woody. The edges have a broad rim. There are several pale seeds with a yellow layer around them.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry woodland and scrub. In Brisbane Botanical gardens.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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