PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia sieberiana var. woodii (Burtt-Davy) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Paperbark thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A tree. The crown is flattened. The tree is 12 m high and the crown 16 m wide. The leaves are deep green and leathery. The bark is corky and yellow to brown. It peels off in flat strips. The flowers are pale yellow and round. They have a scent. There are thorns in pairs and they are long and straight. The fruit are light brown woody pods. They are cylinder shaped and thickened.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. Young plants need protection from frost. It can grow in areas with a temperature range of -2°C to 40 °C.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds. The seeds should be put into boiling water then allowed to cool and soak overnight.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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