PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis sepiaria var. fischeri L.; (Pax.) De Wolf.

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Bumble

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Vegetable

The fruit are eaten.
CAUTION: There are reports that the leaves may be poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can be a scrambler. It grows 1-3 m high. The branches have small spines which curve backwards. The leaves are like membranes. They are oval and leathery. They are 2.5-7 cm long. The flowers are white or cream. They are 2 cm across. The flowers are on stalks 2 cm long and in clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are berries. They are yellowish to black and 2 cm across. They contain 1-4 seeds. The seeds are kidney shaped and 4 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal scrubs in tropical areas. It requires a well drained soil and sunny location. It grows in the Sahel savannah. It can grow from sea level to 1,600 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

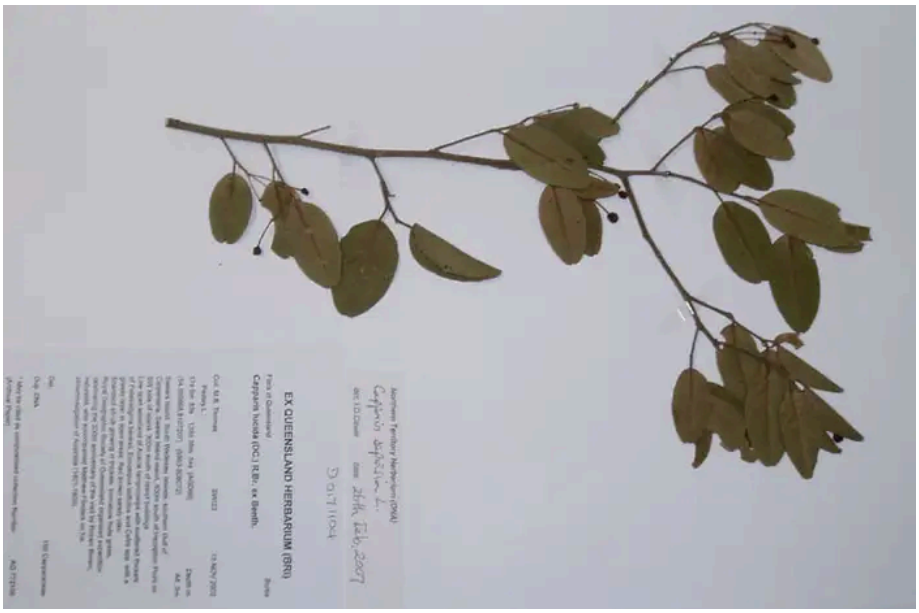
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

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

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