PLANT FACT SHEET

Prosopis farcta (Banks & Solander) J. F. Macbride

GENUS *Prosopis* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Syrian mesquite, Dwarf mesquite

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are used for jam.
The young fresh fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It has prickles. It grows 1-3 m tall. It can develop roots and rhizomes 15-20 m into the soil. The stems are erect and slender. The leaves are compound and twice divided into leaflets along the stem. There are 9-13 pairs of small leaflets. The flowers are small and yellow. There are 1 or 2 oblong pods. These are dark brown when ripe and have a pulpy layer,

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It can grow in arid places. It can counteract salinity. It can tolerate drought.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.
It can be invasive and hard to control.

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