PLANT FACT SHEET

Salvadora australis Schweick.

GENUS *Salvadora* **FAMILY** Salvadoraceae

COMMON NAMES Narrow-leafed mustard tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have a sweet peppery taste.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. The trunk is short. It usually forms branches low down. The crown is rounded. The branches usually droop to the ground. The young twigs are hairy. The leaves are opposite and simple. They are long, narrow and grey-green. They are covered with fine soft hairs. The flowers are in loose heads at the ends of branches. They are small and greenish-white. The fruit is fleshy with a stone inside. It is oval and 5-10 mm long. They are greenish-pink and finely velvety.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in hot, low altitude bushveld. It is often on floodplains and salty flats. It can be on termite mounds. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 700 m above sea level.

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