PLANT FACT SHEET

Prosopis pallida (Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.) Kunth

GENUS *Prosopis* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Algaroba, Pale mesquite

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pods, Fruit

The sweet pods are made into syrup used in drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A spiny tree or shrub. It grows 4-10 m high. The trunk is twisted. The twigs usually have 1 or 2 straight spines in the axils of leaves. The leaflets are 2-4 times as long as wide. They are rough. The flowers are green or yellow. The pods are smooth. They are 5-25 cm long and about 1 cm wide. They are yellowish-brown. The seeds are brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally on red alluvial soils and coastal plains. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.
It can be invasive.

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