PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Plicosepalus kalachariensis* (Schinz) Danser

**GENUS** *Plicosepalus* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Acacia mistletoe

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Stems - drinks, Flowers

The stems are dried, pounded, cooked and sugar and milk are added to make a drink.
The nectar of the flowers is sucked.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub that grows attached to other plants. It grows 2.5 m high. The leaves are narrowly oval but vary in shape. They are 4-6 cm long. They are blue-green. The flowers are in flat topped groups of 2-6 flowers. They are pink to red. The fruit are red berries.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas with a marked dry season. It grows in areas with a dry season of 6-11 months. It grows between 50-1,740 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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