PLANT FACT SHEET

Salix mucronata Thunb.

GENUS *Salix* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Flute willow, Safsaf willow

DESCRIPTION

A bushy tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2-10 m high. It has many branches that can be spreading or hang down. The woody stems are dark brown and have furrows along them. The leaves are alternate and 11-15 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. The flowers are in spikes. The sexes are separate on different trees. The fruit is a capsule. It splits along its length releasing seeds in tufts that blow in the wind.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows along rivers and streams. It grows between 600-2,000 m altitude. In Zimbabwe it grows between 1,060-1,490 m above sea level.

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