PLANT FACT SHEET

Sophora secundiflora (Ortega) Lag. ex DC.

GENUS *Sophora* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Mescal Bean Tree, Texas mountain laurel

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - drink

CAUTION: The seeds and flowers are very poisonous.
The seeds have been used to make an intoxicant.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 9 m high and spreads 4.5 m wide. The leaves are shiny, leathery and compound. The leaves have 3-5 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are rounded at the end. The flowers are violet-blue. They occur in clusters. They have a strong scent. The fruit are silver grey seed pods.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to subtropical tree. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is very slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 50 Sophora species.

PICTURES



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