PLANT FACT SHEET

Asparagus suaveolens Burch.

GENUS *Asparagus* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Bushveld asparagus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Stems, Vegetable

The plants is eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It can be a climber. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1-2 m high. The stems are spiny. These put out new branches each year. The stems are flattened and look like leaves. There are 1-6 in a group. They are narrow. The flowers have a scent. The flowers occur as 1-3 in a cluster. They are small and white with a red stripe. The fruit is a round, black or red berry. It has one seed. It is about 5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on sandy and stony soil. It can grow in arid places.

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