PLANT FACT SHEET

Zygophyllum coccineum Linn.

GENUS *Zygophyllum* **FAMILY** Zygophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Red spinepod

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Spice

DESCRIPTION

A herb or low shrub. It can grow 50 cm tall. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems have many branches. The leaves are twice divided. They are bright green. The leaflets are cylinder shaped and almost triangle shaped. The flowers are small and white. The petals are spoon shaped. The fruit is a capsule up to 1 cm long. It is cylinder shaped or has 5 angles. They occur singly in the axils of leaves. The seeds are oval and lumpy.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in the desert in wadis. It can tolerate salty soils.

NOTES

There are 50 Zygophyllum species.

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