PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Virgilia divaricata Adamson

GENUS *Virgilia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 8-16 m tall. The trunk can be 60 cm across. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 7-9 pairs. They are narrowly oval. The flowers are in a compact group that open at the same time. The pods are 12 mm wide. The seeds are small.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In South Africa it grows on the edges of forests up to 1,200 m above sea level.

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