PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia flava (Forssk.) Kyal & Boatwr.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Leaves - tea, Fruit

The fruit and leaves are cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. The twigs are opposite and occur in bundles. The spines are in pairs and can be 6 cm long in the axils of leaves. The leaves are small and have 1 or 2 pairs on pinnae. These have 8-10 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are yellow and round and 1 cm across. The pods are narrow and slightly twisted. They are 7-10 cm long. They are bright red when young.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in desert regions. It grows in the Sahel and Sahara. It is highly resistant to drought. It can grow in areas with 50 mm of rain each years and up to 400 mm. It is often on stony soils or gravel. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.
This one has folk medicinal uses.

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