PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Food Plants International: Caution: The seeds are very poisonous.

Abrus precatorius subsp. africanus Verdc.

GENUS *Abrus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A vine. The leaves are alternate. These have 7-15 pairs of oblong leaflets. These are 6-25 mm long by 2-8 mm wide. The fruit are pods 4-5 cm long and 12 mm wide. The seeds are bright red and black when ripe. They are hard and shiny and 6 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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