PLANT FACT SHEET

Randia sonorensis Wiggins

GENUS *Randia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Papache del zorro

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten but have many seeds.
Caution: Eating more than 4 or 5 fruit can cause giddiness.

DESCRIPTION

A spindly shrub. It grows 2-3 m tall. It has slender twigs tipped with spines. These are 6-15 mm long. The twigs have rusty brown hairs. The leaves are 8-33 mm long by 6-22 mm wide. They can be alternate on long shoots or in groups at the tips of the stem. The flowers are yellow to white. The fruit are round and pulpy. They are 2-3.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the Sonoran desert.

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