PLANT FACT SHEET

Lessertia frutescens (L.) Goldblatt & J. C. Manning

GENUS *Lessertia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Cancer bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Seeds

The leaves are used for a health tea drinks.
The unripe seeds are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A sprawling small shrub. It can grow 1 m tall. The leaves have 13-21 leaflet stalks. The leaves are oblong. The flowers are 50 mm long and bright red. The pods are large and inflated and contain seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in drier places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seeds germinate easily.

NOTES

It has anti-cancer properties.

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