PLANT FACT SHEET

Prosopis elata (Burkart) Burkart

GENUS *Prosopis* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Tall mesquite

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Pods

The fruit can be eaten fresh. They are also powdered or soaked and made into balls often along with Prosopis alba.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4 m tall. It has spines. The leaves are 1.5-3.5 cm long with 15-28 leaflets along the stalk. These are 2-6 mm long by about 1 mm wide. The flowering heads are 2-7 cm long. The pods are 6-9 cm long by 6-8 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Argentina it grows below 400 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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