PLANT FACT SHEET

Senegalia burkei (Benth.) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Senegalia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Black monkey thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can grow 3-27 m high. It has strongly hooked thorns. They are in pairs. The leaves have 3-5 pairs of leaflet stalks with 4-10 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are in white spikes. The pods are flat and straight. They have obvious veins. The pods are 8-12 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in sandy soils and hot dry woodland. It grows up to 400 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.

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