PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis umbonata Lindley

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Native pomegranate, Northern wild orange

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A slender tree. It grows 4-7 m tall. The leaves and branches droop. There are small spines along the young branches. The leaves are alternate and smooth. They are long and leathery. The blade can be 10-23 cm long by 0.7-3 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 1-3 cm long. The flowers are large and white or pale yellow. They are 5-10 cm long with long stamens. Up to 6 flowers occur together at the ends of branches. The fruit is round and woody. It is 3-4.5 cm across. It is yellow or red when ripe. It does not split open but contains 5 or more seeds. The fruit are on a long stalk. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open woodland. It is drought hardy and fire resistant. It needs good drainage. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 250 Capparis species. There are about 50 Capparis species in tropical America.

PICTURES



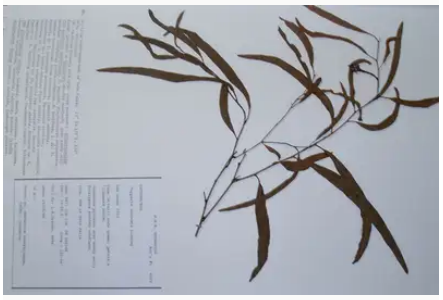
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