PLANT FACT SHEET

Senegalia persiciflora Pax

GENUS *Senegalia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Apple-scented thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m tall. The crown is flat. The bark is a yellowish brown to grey. It is rough and scales off in vertical strips. It has small curved thorns in pairs. The leaves have yellow hairs when young. There are 4-8 pairs of pinnae with 11-17 pairs of leaflets on each. These are 3-10 mm long by 1 mm wide. The flowers are in spikes up to 3 cm long. They are white with red stamens. They have an apple scent. The fruit are yellow to brown pods. They are 6-15 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are oblong with a blunt tip. The seeds are lens shaped and 6-7 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 1,200-2,200 m above sea level. It grows in woodland and grassland savannah.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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