PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia pyrifolia DC.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Kanji bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Gum

The green seed are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small prickly shrub or tree. It grows up to 3-5 m high. It is a straggly plant. The branches are slightly flattened and covered with a bluish bloom. The leaves (phyllodes) are like those of a pear tree. They are 5-8 cm long and 13-6 cm wide. They are oval, leathery and with a sharp tip. They have spines at the base of the leaves. The flower heads are balls. They are dense and golden yellow. They occur as clusters on stalks up to 15 cm long. The pods are 4-8 cm long by 0.8-1.6 cm wide. They are flat, curved and thickened at the edges.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It occurs on rocky outcrops in northern Australia. It suits tropical regions and inland areas with a hot climate. It needs a well drained soil and sunny position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

NOTES

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

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