PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia paolii (Chiov.) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 2-5 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The stems are spiny. The fruit are long narrow pods. They split open. The pods are pointed at the base.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on alluvial soils. It grows in shrubland and grassland. It grows between 140-1,100 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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