PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia rehmanniana Schinz

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Silky acacia, Silky thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium sized tree. It grows 8 m tall. The bark is a red powdery colour The thorns are in pairs. They are straight and 5 cm long. They are white but can have a red tip. The leaves have 15-44 side leaflet stalks with 20-40 pairs of small leaflets. The flowers are round white heads. They are often in a group near the ends of branches. The fruit are flat pods 18 cm long by 2 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in wooded grassland. It is often along rivers and on termite mounds. It grows between 900-1,500 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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