PLANT FACT SHEET

Alysicarpus glumaceus (Vahl) DC.

GENUS *Alysicarpus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Mordi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are mixed with millet to increase the bulk.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows each year from seed. It is often woody at the base. It can lie over. The stems are hairy. The leaves have one leaflet. The leaflet is 1-2 cm long by 0.2-1.1 cm wide. The flowers are neat the tip opposite the leaves. The fruit are pods 1-1.5 cm long. There are 4-7 seeds and the pod is constricted between the seeds. The seeds are reddish brown or olive green. They are about 2 mm long by 1.8 mm wide and 1 mm deep. There are some subspecies.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on sandy plains. It grows from sea level to 1,740 m above sea level. It is usually in grassland. It grows in semi-arid areas.

NOTES

There are about 30 Alysicarpus species. Also as Papilionaceae.
It is used in medicine. It is used for grazing animals.

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