PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia macracantha (Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.) Seigler & Ebinger

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Faique, Porknut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pods, Fruit

The unripe fruit are cooked and then eaten in salads.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 10 m tall. It varies a lot. It has large spines on the branches. The crown is flat. The leaves are alternate and have leaflets along the stalk. The flowers have 5 small petals and long yellow stamens. They are arranged in round clusters. The fruit is a brown pod with brown seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Ecuador it grows between sea level and 3,100 m above sea level. It grows in dry forests.

NOTES

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

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