PLANT FACT SHEET

Asparagus falcatus L.

GENUS *Asparagus* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Sicklethorn, Large forest asparagus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Roots

DESCRIPTION

A climber. The roots have tubers. The stem can climb 7 m. The branches have grooves. It has sharp spines. The leaves are small and bright green. They are sickle shaped and 5 cm long. The flowers are small and have a sweet smell. They are white. The fruit are small orange berries.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Swaziland it grows only in the lowveld. It needs rich, moist, well-drained soil. It grows in dense scrub and along the edges of forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are between 160-300 Asparagus species.

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