PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia oerfota (Forssk.) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Drink, Fruit

It is used for a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 1-5 m tall. When it is cut or bruised it gives a strong, unpleasant smell. The crown is flattened. There are several branches from ground level. There are spines in pairs and they are 2 cm long. The leaves are about 3 cm long. There are 3-12 pairs on pinnae with 5-15 pairs of leaflets on each. The flowers are white or yellow. They are clustered in balls of 1-3 in the axils of spines. The fruit are flat pods 5-10 cm long. They are 2.3 cm wide. The seeds are olive green. There are 5-10 seeds per pod.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along river valleys. It grows below 100 mm rainfall.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.
It is probably used as medicine.

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