PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia luederitzii var. retinens (Sim) J. H. Ross & Brenan

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Swollen-spined acacia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or spreading tree. It grows 4 m tall. It has many stems. The bark is rough. It has large fattened thorns in pairs. The leaves have 2-9 pairs of pinnae with 10-25 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are very small. They have hairs along the edge. The flowers are in round heads. They are yellowish white.

HABITAT

A Mediterranean and subtropical climate plant. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

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

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