PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia robusta subsp. clavigera (E. Meyer) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Sickle-pod splendid acacia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-25 m high. The stems are spiny. They are white with brown tips. They are in pairs and short and stout. The bark is slightly cracked and grey-brown. The leaves are in clusters at the nodes. The flowers are pale yellow and in round heads. The flowers have a scent. The fruit are thin, curved, woody pods. They split open and remain on the tree. The seeds are sideways across the pod. They are small, shiny and hard. There can be 15 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It can tolerate frost. It grows on alluvial soils. It grows between 15-915 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They germinate easily. They can be put into boiling water and allowed to cool to improve germination. Seedlings germinate in 6-10 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly.

NOTES

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

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