PLANT FACT SHEET

Balanites angolensis (Welw.) Welw. ex Mildbr. & Schltr.

GENUS *Balanites* **FAMILY** Zygophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Angolan green-thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A spiny shrub. It has a dense covering of leaves but many fall off during the dry season. It grows 5 m tall. The bark is rough and has grooves along it. The young branches are green and have a downy covering. It has straight thorns. They can be 9 cm long. The leaves have 2 leaflets. The leaflets are broadly oval and unequal. They are about 1.5 cm long by 5 mm wide. They are leathery and grey-green. They have a soft covering. The flowers are in clusters of 3-9 in the axils of leaves. The flowers are small and pale green. The fruit is oval and has a stone inside. It is 3 cm long and turns orange when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It often grows along dry watercourses on the edge of the desert. It grows in hot arid places. It can grow in arid places.

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