PLANT FACT SHEET

Biancaea decapetala (Roth) O. Deg.

GENUS *Biancaea* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Mysore thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stem

Both the stems and fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climber. It can be 8 m tall. It has many prickles. The bark is dull red. The branches and leaves have hairs and prickles. The leaves are 20-30 cm long with 3-10 pairs of pinnae or leaflets. These have 8-12 pairs of leaflets. These are oblong and 1-2.5 cm long by 6-12 mm wide. The pods are brown and 6-12 cm long by 3 cm wide. There are 6-9 seeds. These are oval and 11 mm long by 6 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In China it grows on mountain slopes and by rivers from sea level to 1,800 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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