



PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia xanthophloea (Benth.) Banfi & Galasso

GENUS *Vachellia* FAMILY Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES African thorn acacia, Fever tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25 m tall. The trunk can be 60 cm across. The bark is smooth and powdery. The thorns are straight and white in pairs and 10 cm long. The leaves have spines. The flowers are yellow and in round heads. The fruit are yellow brown pods. They are 13 cm long and flat. They are slightly constricted between the seeds and break into segments.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 40-2,100 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. At ECHO.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They have a reasonable germination rate. Seed that have been stored should be soaked in water for 24 hours.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly.

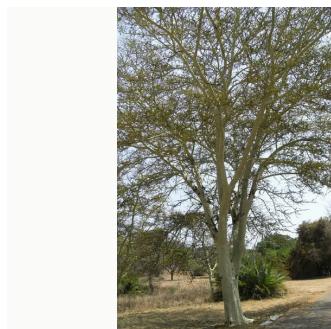
NOTES

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

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