PLANT FACT SHEET

Prosopis pubescens Benth.

GENUS *Prosopis* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Screwbean mesquite, Fremont Screwbean

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit, Pod, Bark

The pods are eaten raw, roasted, pounded into meal for cakes. The pods are also dried and stored for later use. They are also made into an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.
They are also boiled down to syrup or molasses.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It has thorns. It grows 7 m tall. The bark is light brown. It often has short straight spines 1-3 cm long. The leaves are twice divided. The flowers are small and yellow. They are in spikes. The fruit is a twisted seedpod 5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It can grow in dry salty soils. It grows below 1,200 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. It is often near streams in deserts and can grow in salty soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seeds need treatment before they will grown.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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