PLANT FACT SHEET

Boscia mossambicensis Klotzsch

GENUS *Boscia* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Broad-leaved shepherd's tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A much branched shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. The young branches are smooth and yellow. The older bark is grey brown. The leaf blade is 3-8 cm long by 1.5-3.5 cm wide. It is leathery and oval. It is rounded at the base. The flowers are at the ends of branches in dense clusters. There are 20 flowers on short side stalks. Flowers are green. The fruit are round and 2 cm across. They are yellow. There is one seed. It is 7-8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands and the highlands. It grows in dry woodland at lower altitudes. It grows in areas with a rainfall below 100 mm per year. It grows between 200-1,500 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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