PLANT FACT SHEET

Asparagus retrofractus L.

GENUS *Asparagus* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling spiny shrub. It grows 3 m tall. The stems are zig-zag. There are 2-7 flowers in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a pink to red berry 1 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

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