PLANT FACT SHEET

Mariosousa acatlensis (Benth.) Seigler & Ebinger

GENUS *Mariosousa* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Chondata

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bud, Leaves

The young buds are eaten. They can be eaten in tamales or crushed and added to other foods.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 -15 m tall. There are prickles along the stem. The bark is grey and has shallow cracks. The leaves are alternate and 5-15 cm long. The leaves are twice divided and there are 8-18 pairs of pinnae. There are up to 50 pairs of pinnules on each pinnae. The flowers are yellow. They are in large clusters at the ends of branches. The pods are flattened.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near creeks. It grows in dry forests between 500-2,100 m above sea level.

NOTES

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

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