PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia elatior (Brenan) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Pod, Bark - tea

The pods but not the seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It is spiny. It loses its leaves during the year. It can grow 7-40 m high. There are 2 subspecies.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry sandy soils. It grows between 180-1,070 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. It suits seasonally dry areas.

NOTES

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

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