PLANT FACT SHEET

Balanites glabra Mildbr. et Schlecht.

GENUS *Balanites* **FAMILY** Zygophyllaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Nuts - oil

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It has long spines. They are 15 cm long. The shrub grows 3-10 m high. It is sometimes drooping. The leaves have leaflets that are broadly rounded at the end. The fruit are oval and orange. They are 25-28 mm long by 12-18 mm wide. The fruit contains a hard seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow on dry soil. In East Africa it grows between 800-1,700 m altitude. It can grow in arid places.

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