PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Julbernardia globiflora (Benth.) Troupin

GENUS *Julbernardia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Mwongo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Edible insects

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-15 m tall. The crown can be flat or rounded. The young branches are hairy. The bark is rough and grey. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 4-6 pairs of leaflets. These are 2-9 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The flower panicles are 30 cm long. The petals are white. The fruit are pods 4-9 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The seeds are dark brown and about 1.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in deciduous woodland especially in drier areas and poorer soils. It grows up to 1,950 m altitude. In Zimbabwe it grows between 760-1,660 m above sea level. Brisbane Botanical gardens.

NOTES

The leaves are eaten by edible caterpillars.
Several parts are used in traditional medicine.
This legume tree does not form nodules.
Also as Caesalpinaceae.

PICTURES



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