PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis corymbosa Lam.

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are sometimes boiled in soup.
The fruit are used in cakes.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. The bark is dark grey and scaly. The leaves are alternate and usually softly hairy. They are oval and have a shallow notch at the top end with a sharp tip. They can be 4 cm long. The flowers are in groups of 10-15 and they are white or cream coloured. The fruit are round and orange red and 12 mm across. They are orange red or yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the Sahel. It is often on termite mounds in the savannah. It can be on seasonally flooded areas with an iron hardpan. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed.

NOTES

There are about 250 Capparis species. There are about 50 Capparis species in tropical America.

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