



PLANT FACT SHEET

Atriplex stipitata Benth.

GENUS *Atriplex* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Kidney or Mallee saltbush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 1-1.5 m high and spreads 1-1.5 m across. The small branches are slender. The leaves are 1-2 cm long and oval or oblong. The leaves curve inwards on the top surface. They are grey. The flowers are small and cream. The male flowers are in small clusters while the female flowers usually occur singly. The fruiting body is 0.5 cm long by 1 cm wide and kidney shaped.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate places. It grows in the arid interior. It suits salty areas. It will grow in most types of soils. It can tolerate frost.

PRODUCTION

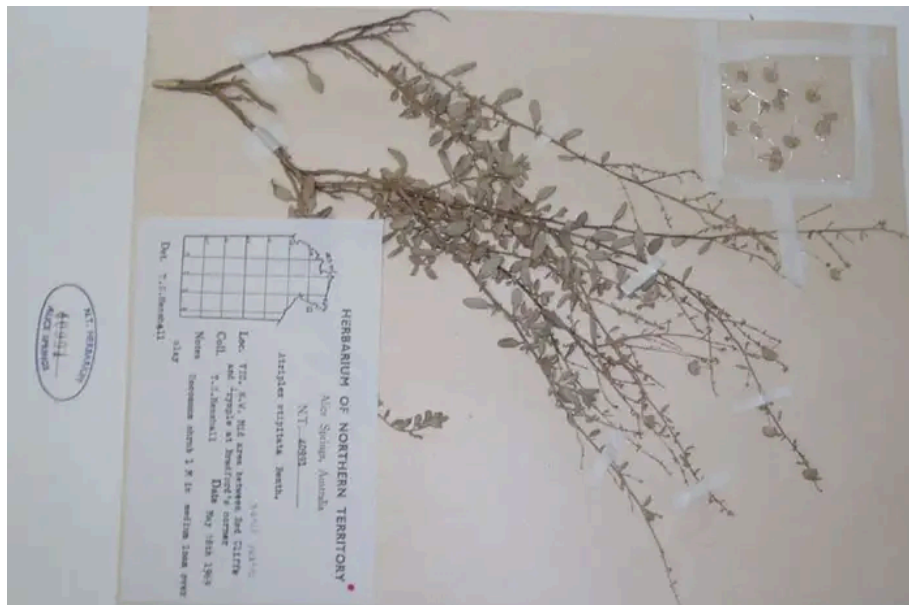
Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 100-300 *Atriplex* species. They have also been put in the family Chenopodiaceae.

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