PLANT FACT SHEET

Sesbania macrantha E. Phillips & Hutch.

GENUS *Sesbania* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed coat is removed by roasting and then the seeds eaten as a famine food.

DESCRIPTION

A slender shrub. It has soft wood. It grows 2-6 m tall. One variety has prickles. The leaves are 10-33 cm long. There are 15-55 pairs of leaflets. These are 14-31 mm long by 3-8 mm wide. There are 6-20 flowers in a group 11-27 cm long. The fruit are pods 14-31 cm long by 4-7 mm wide. They are curved. There are 12-30 seeds in a pod.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in tall grassland between 2,000-2,300 m above sea level in East Africa.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It only grows for one year.

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