



PLANT FACT SHEET

Duma florulenta (Meissner) T. M. Schust.

GENUS *Duma* FAMILY Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Lignum, Tangled lignum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit, Shoots

DESCRIPTION

A tangled shrub. It grows 1-2 m high and spreads 1-2.5 m wide. There are many branches. They are slender and spreading. They are usually without leaves and are grey-green. The small branches are short and tangled and usually end in a spine. The leaves are 1.5-7 cm long by 0.2-1 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and grey-green. The flowers are 0.6 cm across and whitish-yellow. They occur in small clusters. The nuts are 0.5 cm long. They are top-shaped and brown.

HABITAT

It grows near swamps. It is hardy to frosts and can withstand dry periods.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 20 *Muehlenbeckia* species.

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