



Flowering Trees

Balanites roxburghii Planch (Desert date) of Balanitaceae is a small, stiff, thorny and deciduous tree, characteristic of the flora of dry scrub forests. The bark and twigs are green at first with stout thorns, turning yellowish or dark with age and eventually develop shallow vertical furrows. Leaves are compound and bear two leaflets. Flowers are small and greenish yellow with five spreading petals and ten long stamens. Fruit is ovoid, woody, faintly grooved and is filled with bitter, but edible pulp.