


# Ziziphus spina-christi

<i>Ziziphus spina-christi</i>	
	
Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Plantae
(unranked):	Angiosperms
(unranked):	Eudicots
(unranked):	Rosids
Order:	Rosales
Family:	Rhamnaceae
Genus:	<i>Ziziphus</i>
Species:	<i>Z. spina-christi</i>
Binomial name	
<i>Ziziphus spina-christi</i> (L.) Desf.	
Synonyms	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Rhamnus spina-christi</i> L.</li> </ul>	

*Ziziphus spina-christi*, the **Christ's Thorn Jujube**, is an evergreen tree native to northern and tropical Africa and southern and Western Asia. It grows in Israel in valleys up to an elevation of 500m.<sup>[1]</sup>

*Ziziphus spina-christi* has significance to JewsWikipedia:Citation needed, Christians and Muslims, and is by some traditions the tree from which Jesus's Crown of Thorns was made.

The ripe fruits are edible and the flowers are an important source of honey in Eritrea and Yemen.<sup>[2]</sup>

## References

- *Ziziphus spina-christi* <sup>[3]</sup> in West African plants – A Photo Guide. <sup>[4]</sup>

[1] Zohary M. Flora Palaestina. II. Jerusalem: The Israel Academy of Science and Humanities; 1972. pp. 307–308 cited in

[2] <http://www.beesfordevelopment.org/info/info/flora/christs-thorn-ziziphus-sp.shtml>

[3] [http://www.westafricanplants.senckenberg.de/root/index.php?page\\_id=13&preview=true&searchTextMenue=Ziziphus+spina-christi&search=Wikitemplate](http://www.westafricanplants.senckenberg.de/root/index.php?page_id=13&preview=true&searchTextMenue=Ziziphus+spina-christi&search=Wikitemplate)

[4] <http://www.westafricanplants.senckenberg.de/>

## Other links

- The ethnobotany of Christ's Thorn Jujube (*Ziziphus spina-christi*) in Israel (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1277088/?tool=pubmed>)
  - Thorns of *Ziziphus spina-christi* (<http://www.desertoverde.ch/album/ziziphus-spina-christi/ziziphus-spina-christi-spine-jpg/>)
  - Flowers in Israel - *Ziziphus spina-christi* ([http://www.flowersinisrael.com/ziziphusspina-christi\\_page.htm](http://www.flowersinisrael.com/ziziphusspina-christi_page.htm))
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