PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Ehretia coerulea Gurke

GENUS *Ehretia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple stamperwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It grows up to 8 m tall. The leaves are softly hairy underneath and rough above. They are broadly oval and 4-8 cm long. The flowers are blue to purple. The fruit are red berries. They are less than 5 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from low altitudes to 1600 m. It is often near rivers and on termite mounds. It grows in the desert and dry shrubland.

NOTES

There are about 50 Ehretia species.

REFERENCES

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