PLANT FACT SHEET

Ochna atropurpurea DC.

GENUS *Ochna* **FAMILY** Ochnaceae

COMMON NAMES Large-flowered ochna, Birdseye bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It keeps its leaves from year to year. It grows 3 m tall. The bark is pale brown and rough. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 7-23 cm long by 8 cm wide. They are leathery. There are fine teeth along the edges. The leaf stalk is stout and swollen. The flowers are in branched heads. They are 2.5-3.5 cm across and bright yellow. The flower petals are 1.6 cm long. The fruit are fleshy and in groups of 3-5. They are purple and have bright red lobes around them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy soils and often amongst rocks. It grows in the lowlands. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 400 m above sea level. They suits hardiness zones 10-11.

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