PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordiera humilis Kuntze

GENUS *Cordiera* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Marmelada-rasteira

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It has underground stems or rhizomes. The trunk is not clearly defined and the plant forms clumps. It grows 1 m tall. The leaves are papery and 8-14 cm long. Plants are separately male and female. The flowers are white with the female flowers occurring singly and the male flowers in clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are oblong berries. They are green and turn black when ripe. They are 2-3 cm across. The skin is thin and the flesh is sweet. There are many small seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally in savannahs and open fields in central Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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