PLANT FACT SHEET

Dombeya burgessiae Gerrard ex Harv. & Sond.

GENUS *Dombeya* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Pink dombeya, Pink wild pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem pith, Vegetable

The pith is cooked and eaten with other foods.
The pith of the fruit is cooked with potash and peanuts.

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It grows 2-4 m tall. The leaves are bright green and large and hairy. They are alternate and have lobes. The flowers are pink and in clusters. The fruit is a small round furry capsule.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Malawi at about 1,200 m altitude in open grassland. It can grow in dry soil. It can grow in arid places. It is drought tolerant. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Some Botanists put the Dombeya in the Byttneriaceae and the Sterculiaceae.

PICTURES



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