PLANT FACT SHEET

Burchellia bubalina (L. f.) Sims

GENUS *Burchellia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES South African pomegranate

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar, Flowers

The flowers are sucked for their rich nectar.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows about 3 m high. It has a few hairs. The leaves are opposite and leathery. The leaf blade is oval and blunt. It narrows to the base. The base can sometimes be slightly heart shaped. The leaves are 15 cm long by 6 cm wide. The flowers are in a cluster at the ends of the branches. The flowers are tube shaped and orange-red. The fruit is fleshy with many seeds. The fruit are 1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It needs a well-drained soil and an open sunny position. It is damaged by drought and frost. In Swaziland it grows in the high veld only. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There is only one Burchellia species.

PICTURES



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