PLANT FACT SHEET

Nauclea diderrichii (De Wildeman et Th.Durand) Merrill

GENUS *Nauclea* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Brimstone tree, West African boxwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used in palm soup in Ghana.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 40 m high. The trunk is 1.5 m across. It has low buttresses. The bark is grey and furrowed. The leaves are narrowly oval and 40 cm long. The flowers are white and green and in round heads. They are 3 cm across. The fruit is 4 cm across and round and succulent. It is white or grey and has ribs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to tropical Africa. It grows in damp sites in rain-forest below 500 m altitude in West Africa. It is best in sunny locations.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

To collect seeds, the fruit are dried and then pounded. Dry seed can be stored for at least a year. Seeds are small and so should be put in a nursery and then transplanted. Plants can be grown by cuttings.

NOTES

There are 10 Nauclea species.

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