PLANT FACT SHEET

Rawsonia lucida Harv. & Sond.

GENUS *Rawsonia* **FAMILY** Achariaceae

COMMON NAMES Rawsonia, Forest peach

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-5 m high. It can grow 15 m tall. The bark is brown and smooth. The branches spread out and are inclined to droop. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are oblong. They are 7-16 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The leaves are leathery and a glossy vivid green. They are paler and more dull underneath. The edges of the leaves have spiny teeth which point forward. The leaf stalk is 1.2 cm long. The flowers are creamy-white and 1.5-2 cm across. They occur either singly or as a few flowers together. They are 1-2 cm long. The fruit is a fleshy berry-like capsule. It is yellow to brown. It is 4 cm across. It dries out and splits open into 5 valves. There are several seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs as an understorey tree in evergreen forest. It grows between 50-1,900 m above sea level. It grows in the lowlands but also the highlands.

NOTES

There are 2 Rawsonia species. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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