PLANT FACT SHEET

Citropsis articulata (Willd. ex Spreng.) Swingle & Kellerm.

GENUS *Citropsis* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES African cherry orange, Uganda cherry-orange

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-7 m high. It has large prickles on the stems. The leaves are narrowly oval. They taper to the tip and are wedge shaped at the base. They are 15 cm long by 6 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 9 cm long and has wings. The flowers are white. They have a scent.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along rivers between 480-1,550 m above sea level. It suits a sunny position and fertile, well-drained moist soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seed are slow to germinate but breed fairly true to the parents.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic fruit have been observed in April and October.

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