PLANT FACT SHEET

Pavetta zeyheri Sond.

GENUS *Pavetta* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Christmas bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or tree. It is broad leaved and loses its leaves during the year. It has a taproot. The leaves are simple and in successive pairs at right angles to each other. They are clustered on small shoots on old branches. The leaves are narrowly oval and 1 cm wide. The flowers have a scent. It can grow to 3 m high. The flowers are white and tube shaped. The fruit is round and 7-9 mm across. It turns black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas with a marked dry season. It grows in deep well-drained soils. It is often over limestone materials. It can tolerate light shade. It grows between 100-1,700 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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