PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon tepicense (Standley) Pennington

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Tepic jungleplum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten, fresh or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading tree. It grows up to 25 m high. The young branches are hairy. The trees do not have spines. The leaves are arranged in spirals. They are clustered at the tip of the stems. The leaves are 8.5-16.6 cm long and 2.7-6.5 cm wide. They are narrow or broadly oblong. The leaf stalk is 1-2.6 cm long. The flowers are white. The flowers have both sexes. They occur in tufts of 2-10 flowers. The fruit are 3-3.5 cm long by 1.8-2 cm wide. The fruit are yellow. There is one or occasionally two seeds. They are 2 cm long. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountains and shady valleys. It grows between 500-1,500 m altitude.

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