PLANT FACT SHEET

Euclea racemosa subsp. schimperi Murray, (A. DC.) F. White

GENUS *Euclea* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Bush guarri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The thin layer around the seed is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-8 m tall. The bark is grey to black. The leaves are near the ends of branches. They are oval and 3-9 cm long by 0.5-3 cm wide. They curl under at the edge. The flowers are small and creamy white. They have a sweet scent. They occur in short sprays in the axils of leaves. These are 4 cm long. The fruit are almost round. They are 8 mm across. They are rich red to purple when mature.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal scrub and low altitude bush. It is in areas of moderate rainfall. In Ethiopia it grows between 1,500-2,300 m altitude. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 100-150 mm. It can grow in arid places.

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