PLANT FACT SHEET

Flacourtia flavescens Willd.

GENUS *Flacourtia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Niger plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Berry, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A spiny shrub or small tree. It can grow 10 m high. It is usually straggling with drooping branches. The leaves are 3.5-13 cm long by 2.5-7.5 cm wide. They are pale green and glossy above. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and lack petals. They are greenish. The fruit are red or purple and 12 mm across. They are round when fresh but become angled when dry.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the edges of forests and in rocky situations in the savannah region.

NOTES

There are about 17 Flacourtia species.
Name unresloved in The Plant List but may be a synonym of Flacourtia indica. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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