PLANT FACT SHEET

Colubrina elliptica (Sw.) Brizicky & W. L. Stern

GENUS *Colubrina* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Smooth snakebark

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - drink, Leaves - drink

The bark is steeped in water to make a fermented drink. The leaves are also used.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 4-6 m tall but can be 20 m tall. The trunk can be 1.5 m across. The bark is orange brown and peels off in thin layers. The flowers are green to yellow. The fruit are red to orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in thickets in dry coastal regions and on limestone. It grows below 1,000 m above sea level. It has some salt tolerance.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 16 Colubrina species.
It is an endangered species.

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