PLANT FACT SHEET

Parsonsia laevis (A. Gray) Markgraf

GENUS *Parsonsia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Latex - chewing

The latex is chewed.

DESCRIPTION

A woody creeper. It has white latex. The leaves are opposite. They have lobes at the base and bulge in the middle then taper towards the tip. The fruit are pod-like capsules. These have several seeds with long silky hairs.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Fiji it grows between 50 and 520 m altitude. It grows in dry forest.

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