PLANT FACT SHEET

Monanthotaxis poggei Engl. & Diels

GENUS *Monanthotaxis* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It grows 1-6 m long. The young stems have rusty hairs. The leaves are long and oval. They are 8-16 cm long. The tip are long and pointed. The leaves are green above and covered with silky silvery hairs underneath. The flowers occur singly or in groups of 2-4. They are near the leaves. There are 6 yellow fleshy petals. The fruit are in groups of 6-8. They are 1-2 cm long on stalks 1 cm long. There is one seed in each fruit. The fruit are covered with rusty hairs.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Tanzania it grows in evergreen forest between 700-1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania ripe fruit are collected from April to May.

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