PLANT FACT SHEET

Multidentia crassa (Hiern.) Bridson & Verdc.

GENUS *Multidentia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-6 m tall. The bark on the main trunk is dark. It peels off to reveal a reddish colour. The leaves are mostly at the tips of the branches. The leaf blades are 3-28 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They can vary in shape but can be almost round. The flowers are in groups in the axils of the leaves. The flowers have a woolly covering. The fruit is green with a mottled brown colour. It is 35-40 mm wide and edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands. It grows in open forest. It grows in Miombo woodland. In Tanzania it grows between 900-2,100 m above sea level.

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