PLANT FACT SHEET

Vitex zanzibarensis Vatke

GENUS *Vitex* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 16 m high. The trunk is crooked and branched. The bark is yellow-brown. There are cracks along it. The leaves are 3-5 leaflets arranged like fingers on a hand. The leaf stalk are 2-9 cm long. It can have wings. The leaf blade is 3-13 cm long by 1-7 cm wide. They are sword shaped and wedge shaped at the base. The leaves have gland dots above. The flowers are blue to purple. They have scent. They are in hairy groups. They can be at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and blue to purple. They are about 1 cm across. The juice is dark blue.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

NOTES

Also put in the family Verbenaceae.

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