PLANT FACT SHEET

Canthium rheedei DC.

GENUS *Canthium* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 5 m tall. It has long spines. It can be creeping. The leaves are narrowly oval and 2-4 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. They are green. The fruit are round and orange. It is 7 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests. It grows above 1,200 m above sea level. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are used as a hedge.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India fruit are available January to May.

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