PLANT FACT SHEET

Combretum adenogonium Steud. ex A. Rich.

GENUS *Combretum* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Four-leaved bushwillow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Vegetable

The gum is sweet and eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium sized tree. The leaves are usually in rings or 3-4. They can be opposite. The leaves are oval and dark green. They are velvety when young but lose theirs hairs when mature. There are 7-10 pairs of sides veins that can easily be seen underneath the leaf. The edges of the leaves can be wavy. The flowers are yellow to green. They are in dense spikes. They appear before the new leaves. The fruit is oval and 25 mm long by 35 mm wide. They have 4 wings. They are green with reddish patches.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry savannah woodland and often on termite mounds. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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