PLANT FACT SHEET

Scolopia crenata (Wight & Arn.) Clos

GENUS *Scolopia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Potato plum of Mysore

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows up to 18 m tall. The tree and branches can have thorns. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaf blade is 6-12 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. It is narrowly oval to sword shaped and tapers to the tip. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. They are white and there are many stamens. The fruit are round berries 2 cm across. There are 2-6 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests up to 1,800 m above sea level in India. It Nepal it grows up to 800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In south India it flowers and fruits October to April.

NOTES

There are 37-40 Scolopia species. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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