PLANT FACT SHEET

Acridocarpus zanzibaricus (Bojer ex Loudon) A. Jussieu

GENUS *Acridocarpus* **FAMILY** Malpighiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It grows 2-3 m tall. The shoots twine around other vegetation. They have a rusty coating. The leaves are alternate and oblong or sword shaped. The base is rounded or wedge shaped and the tip is pointed. Leaves are 8-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The flower groups are large and at the end of shoots. The groups can be 20 cm long with flowers 2-3 cm across. The flower petals are yellow. The fruit turn brown when dry. They have wings. They are 3-5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sand. It grows in coastal regions.

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