PLANT FACT SHEET

Vitellariopsis marginata (N. E. Br.) Aubrev.

GENUS *Vitellariopsis* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Natal bush milkwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 6 m high. The stem is 30 cm across. The branches are often held horizontally. The leaves are on short, thick, rigid small branches. They are broadly oval and 7-16 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They taper to the base. They are dark green and shiny above and more pale underneath. The midrib is yellow. The flowers are white or cream and 1 cm long. They are in clusters of 2-4 flowers. These are in the axils of leaves at the ends of branches. The fruit are oval and have sepals around the base. They are green but ripen to red.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in densely wooded hillsides and in forested valleys.

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