PLANT FACT SHEET

Mimusops bagshawei S. Moore

GENUS *Mimusops* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Bark

The soft inner part of the bark is used as a relish in soup.
The ripe fruit are eaten. The seeds are discarded.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk is straight. The bark is brown. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaf stalk is 1-2 cm long. The leaf blade is small and 6-12 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are oval and wedge shaped. The flowers are in groups of 2-4 in the axils of leaves. They hang down and have a scent. They are green to yellow. The fruit are oval and yellow to orange. They are 2.5 cm long by 2 cm wide. There are 1-3 brown seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland and mountain forests. In Tanzania it grows between 1,100-2,400 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 41-55 Mimusops species. They occur in tropical Africa.

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