PLANT FACT SHEET

Ehretia amoena Klotzsch

GENUS *Ehretia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES Sandpaper bush, Stamperwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3-4 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. It has ashy white smooth branches. The bark is whitish or light grey. The leaves are oval and up to 6-11 cm long by 8 cm wide. They are blunt and with coarse teeth at the tip. They are dark green and rough on top and hairy below. The flowers are small and white. They have a smell. They occur on loose clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are small and round and are green but turn orange when ripe. The fruit are 5-7 mm across. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs at medium to low altitudes often in hot areas. They are along the banks of watercourses and in sand forests near the coast. It can be on termite mounds. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 1,150 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

NOTES

There are about 50 Ehretia species.

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