PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythrococca atrovirens (Pax) Prain

GENUS *Erythrococca* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Pod, Leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are cooked and eaten as a leafy vegetable. They add flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2.5 m high. The wood is soft. Young growth has yellowish hair. The leaf blades are 5-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. There are hairs especially underneath. There are 4-6 pairs of side veins. Male flower shoots are 5 cm long. Female flower shoots are 2-3 cm long. The fruit are 4-6 mm long by 5-10 mm wide. The seeds are 3-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It occurs in equatorial Africa. It grows in dry evergreen woodland. It grows between 1,000-2,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic plants flower in December and fruit in March.

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