PLANT FACT SHEET

**Use with caution**

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

# *Micrandra sprucei* (Mull.Arg.) R. E. Schult.

**GENUS** *Micrandra* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds

The seeds are cooked and washed in several changes of water them mashed.
Caution: The seeds contain cyanide.

## DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 20-25 m tall. The leaves are oval. The flowers are in a group at the end of the branches. The fruit are 3 sided and green.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Caatinga on well-drained sandy soils. The climate in hot and dry often with 6-11 months without rain. The average annual rainfall is 250-1,000 mm and the average temperature from 24-26°C.

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