PLANT FACT SHEET

Clerodendrum ternatum Schinz

GENUS *Clerodendrum* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf Cat's whiskers

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub with underground stems or rhizomes and a woody rootstock. It forms colonies with many stems. The stems are woody at the base. They grow 60 cm high. The leaves are in 3 rings or opposite and without leaf stalks. The leaves have an unpleasant smell when crushed. The leaf blade is 2-10 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. It is narrowly sword shaped. The flowers are in groups of 3. They are in the axils of the upper leaves. The fruit are black and about 8 mm across. They have 4 deep lobes.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. In Zimbabwe it grows between 550-1,480 m above sea level. It grows in dry deciduous woodland and on Kalahari sand.

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