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.

Acokanthera rotundata (Codd.) Kupicha

GENUS *Acokanthera* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Round-leaved Poison Bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Caution: The fruit are poisonous.
They are bitter but eaten when ripe.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can grow 5 m high. The bark is rough and grey to brown. The branches are angled. The plant has milky sap. The leaves are opposite and broadly oval. They are 8 cm long. They are shiny and dark green above and more pale underneath. They are stiff, rough on top and leathery. The flowers occur as many together in clusters in the axils of leaves. They have a sweet scent.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on cliffs and among rocks in open grassland.

NOTES

There are 5-7 Acokanthera species.

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