PLANT FACT SHEET

Uvaria lucida Benth.

GENUS *Uvaria* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Large cluster pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. The fruit are used to make juice. They can also be dried or made into jam.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It grows 9 m high. The stems can be 8 cm across. The leaves are oval and wider at the tip. The leaves are 1-10 cm long. The hairs are star shaped. There are scales on the lower surface. The flowers are yellow green. There are 1-3 together. They are at the ends of the stems. The fruit have rusty hairs. They are 1-3 cm long. There are 3-12 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in the understorey in rainforest. It suits humid locations. In Malawi it grows between 600-1,800 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are available from April to June.

NOTES

Variety virens in Zimbabwe.

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