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.

Pavetta schumanniana F. Hoffm. ex K. Schum.

GENUS *Pavetta* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Poison pavetta

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - moisture

Caution: The leaves are poisonous.
The leaves are chewed for their moisture.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-5 m tall. The young branches are hairy. The leaves are in pairs. They are at the ends of branches. The leaf blade is 6-20 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped. They have a grey covering underneath. The flower cluster is at the ends of branches or on very short side branches. The fruit are black and 5-7 mm across. They are shiny. The seeds are dark grey and 5 mm wide. The plant varies.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mixed woodland and grassland. It is often on rocky hillsides and on termite mounds. It grows between 350-1,825 m altitude.

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