PLANT FACT SHEET

Flacourtia latifolia (Hook.f. & Thomson) Cooke

GENUS *Flacourtia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Broad-leaved coffee plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 3-5 m tall. The stems have long sharp, straight spines at the base. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are alternate and 7-12 cm long. They are broadly oval and have teeth along the edge. The leaf stalks are red. The flowers are on old branches. They are in groups 5 cm long. The flowers have 4-5 round sepals. The fruit are green berries. They are 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India fruit are available March to July.

NOTES

There are about 17 Flacourtia species. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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