PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Searsia ruspolii* (Engl.) Moffett

**GENUS** *Searsia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Tami

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Seed

The fruit are soaked in straw until ripe and then eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-8 m high. The twigs are stout. They are reddish-brown. The leaves are broadly oval but not equal on either side. There are broad teeth along the edges of the leaves. The flowering clusters are usually at the ends of branches. The male flowers are grouped into clusters. The fruit is round and 4 mm across. It is pink and shiny.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Ethiopia it grows at the lower edges of mountain forests between 1,200-2.150 m altitude.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They are usually self-sown.

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