PLANT FACT SHEET

Clausena excavata Burm.f.

GENUS *Clausena* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Pink limeberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Root - flavouring

The fruit are occasionally used in cooking.
The ripe fruit are edible.
The leaves are stewed in curries as a spice.
The rootstock is powdered and used to flavour local liquor.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub 1-2-4 m high. It can be 10 m tall. All parts of the plant are hairy. The leaves have a smell. The leaflets are placed one after another along opposite sides of the stalk. There are 15-31 leaflets. The leaflets have short stalks and are 2.5-7.5 cm long by 0.8-2.5 cm wide. They are clear along the edges. The leaves have round teeth along the edges. They are hairy underneath. The flowers are yellowish. The fruit are oblong. The fruit are in clusters. The fruit contain 3 large seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in secondary undergrowth in Indochina. In Nepal it grows to about 500 m altitude. It forms dense stands along roads.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 23-30 Clausena species.

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