PLANT FACT SHEET

Rapanea melanophloeos (L.) Mez

GENUS *Rapanea* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Cape beech

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or tree. It grows 3-18 m tall. The stem is straight. It can be fluted at the base in large plants. The bark is black. The leaves are crowded at the ends of branches. The leaf stalks are pink or red. The leaf blade has clear dots or streaks along it. The flowers are in small groups. They are in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and 3-5 mm across. They are purple and have one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in arid places. It is usually in high rainfall areas and on exposed rocky cliffs.

NOTES

Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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