PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros tetrasperma Sw.

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Clamberry persimmon, Wattle tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten but are slightly bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-12 m high. The crown is round and dense. The trunk is upright and 30-50 cm across. The bark cracks into plates. The leaves are simple and alternate. They have a wavy edge. They are 6-12 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. They are greenish-yellow. The fruit are a flattened round shape. They become greenish-purple when ripe. They have 4-8 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in broadleaf semi-deciduous forest in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe fruit are put in a heap to allow them to soften to make it more easy to reove the seeds. The seeds are washed out in a seive and planted fresh. Seeds germinate in 70-90 days.

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