PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordia caffra Sond.

GENUS *Cordia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES Septee saucer-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten fresh or used in jams, desserts and preserves.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. The crown is spreading or drooping. The bark is smooth, light and flaking. It grows 6 m tall and spreads 7 m wide. It is taller in forests. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are thin and oval and pointed. They are dark green above and paler underneath. They are 6-12 cm long. The flowers are creamy-white and have a scent. They are bell shaped and in clusters at the ends of the stems. The fruit are round and deep orange colour when ripe. They are produced in small clusters. They have a cup shaped calyx around the base.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is hardy to light frosts. It can grow in sun or shade. It usually grows in dry forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fairly fast growing.

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