PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora tenuipetiolata Engl.

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Satin-bark corkwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows up to 8-12 m tall. The bark is pale grey and peels off. The bark is blue-green underneath. The leaves have 3 leaflets or 2-4 pairs along the stalk with one at the end. The leaflets are narrowly oval. There can be teeth along the edge. Male and female flowers are on separate trees. The flowers are small and yellowish-green. They are in clusters on long stalks. The fruit are round and red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in areas with a rainfall less than 600 mm per year and with a marked dry season. It is often on sandy or stony soil over limestone. It grows between 300-1,500 m above sea level. It can tolerate frost. It can grow in arid places.

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