PLANT FACT SHEET

Zanthoxylum ovalifolium Wight

GENUS *Zanthoxylum* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Oval-leaf yellow wood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Vegetable

The fruit are used to prepare pickles.
The seeds are removed and the fruit used for chutney.

DESCRIPTION

A large shrub. It can be a climber. It has short prickles. The leaves have 3 leaflets The leaflets are 7-10 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and scalloped along the edge. The leaf stalks are stout and 3 cm long. The flowers are in dense groups on branched stems. They are white. The fruit occur singly and are round.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India plants fruit May to September.

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