PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon celastrinum (Kunth) T. D. Pennington

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Brownward plum, Camiche, Coma, Guamachito, Saffron plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A dense shrub or small tree. It can be 12 m high with a trunk 30 cm across. The bark is dark grey to black. The young branches have soft white hairs. There are often stout spines present. The leaves are arranged in spirals at first. They later form tufts. The leaves are 0.7-5 cm long by 0.3-2.5 cm wide. There are 5-8 pairs of secondary veins. The leaf stalk is 0.5-4 mm long. The flowers have both sexes. There are 2-5 or more flowers in a group. The fruit are 0.9-1.5 cm long. They are narrow and oval. The mature fruit is purple or black. There is one seed 0.7-1.3 cm long. The seed coat is hard and shiny. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry thorn forest. It also grows in tropical deciduous forest. It grows in coastal areas on salt marshes and in mangroves that are occasionally flooded. It grows from sea level to 900 m.

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