PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea edulis (Sond.) Engl.

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild grape

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Root

The fruit are eaten raw. They can also be dried. They can be used for jams and jelly.
The root of the young plant is eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A low shrub. It has a large woody rootstock. The stems are 3-30 cm high. The leaves arise from ground level. The leaves are 30 cm long. The leaves have 5-7 leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are densely hairy. The flowers are small and yellow. They are in short groups at ground level. The fruit are small and red and in clusters. They are 9-11 mm long by 8-9 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in humid areas but not on wet soils. In Kenya it grows between 900-1,200 m altitude. It grows in wooded grassland areas that are frequently burnt. It can grow in arid places. In Zimbabwe it grows in areas with a rainfall between 850-950 mm per year.

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