PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros loureiroana G. Don

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Dye diospyros, Dye star-apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It loses many leaves during the year. It grows 6-10 m tall. The bark is corky. It is grey and deeply cracked. The small branches are reddish and have hairs. The leaves are alternate, simple and entire. They are 1-12 cm long by 1-7 cm wide. The flowers are of one sex. The trees are separately male and female. The flowers are white and in small clusters of 3-7 in the axils of leaves. The fruit are a round berry. They are 3 cm across. They are yellow. There are about 8 seeds. They are about 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on poor soils in sunny locations. It can grow on sandy soils and in rocky locations. It grows from sea level to 750 m altitude. It grows between 20-500 m altitude in southern Africa. In the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. In Cairns Botanical gardens.

PICTURES



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