PLANT FACT SHEET

Combretum psidioides Welw.

GENUS *Combretum* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Silver combretum, Peeling bushwillow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Bark - flavouring, Fruit - flavouring

The powered bark is used as flavouring for cooked potherbs. It is also used to flavour marula wine.
The damaged tree produces edible gum.
The fruit are used for flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It can grow up to 17 m high. The bark is grey, rough and corky and flakes off. The leaf blades are hairy. The leaves are opposite. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The fruit are 2-3 cm long and wide. They have 4 wings.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy soils in shrub savanna. It grows in hot drier areas at medium altitudes. It grows in rainfall of 400 mm. It grows in deep, well-drained soils. It grows between 900-1,800 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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