PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordia somaliensis Baker

GENUS *Cordia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. It can have spreading branches or branches that lie over. The bush is about 3 m across. The small branches have a dense white covering of hairs. The leaves are sword shaped and 7 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. There can be rounded teeth towards the tip. The base is wedge shaped. The leaves are slightly hairy on top. The flowers are in dense groups towards the ends of branches. They are white and have a scent. The fruit are orange. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near the coast. It can grow on sand dunes.

NOTES

There are about 300 Cordia species.

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