PLANT FACT SHEET

Bullockia setiflora (Hiern) Razafim., Lantz & B. Bremer

GENUS *Bullockia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Bristly canthium, Rough-leaved rock alder

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub or tree with several stems. It can be 4.5 m tall. They have smooth spreading branches. The bark is grey and smooth. The leaves are opposite and in clusters on small side shoots. They are sword shaped or oval. They are narrowly oval and 1-8 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are mid green above and more pale underneath. There are are pale hairs on both surfaces. The flowers are small, yellow and star like. There are 5-7 flowers together on slender stalks in the axils of leaves. The fruit are on short hairy stalks. They are pear shaped and 8-10 mm long. They have 2 lobes. They are black but yellow when ripe. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. It occurs in deep sand and on the edges of forests along rivers. It can be in dune forest.
It grows in deciduous woodland and sand forest. It is usually on rocky outcrops.

NOTES

There are about 200 Canthium species.

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