PLANT FACT SHEET

Pittosporum viridiflorum Sims

GENUS *Pittosporum* **FAMILY** Pittosporaceae

COMMON NAMES Cheesewood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - flavouring

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.
The leaves are sued for flavouring and as a preservative.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-25 m high. The trunk is light grey with darker bands of cells. It is densely leafy and the leaves are leathery. The leaves are 7 cm long by 3 cm wide. There is often a notch at the tip. The flowers are in dense clusters at the top of the plant. The petals are greenish-yellow. The fruit is downy but becomes hairless when ripe. There are few seeds. They have a bright orange sticky covering over them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open woodland and on rocky outcrops. It can be on the edges of forests along rivers and in mountains. It grows between 1,350-2,450 m above sea level.

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