PLANT FACT SHEET

Tilesia baccata (L.f.) Pruski

GENUS *Tilesia* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Wild pine, Turtle food

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flower

The fruit pulp is sweet and edible.
The fruit are collected and used to make an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are rough. They ae 9-15 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The flowers are yellow and orange. The fruit are greenish-black. They are in pine like structures. The fruiting sepals are orange and spiny.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along roads and in secondary forests. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

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