PLANT FACT SHEET

Rothmannia capensis Thunb.

GENUS *Rothmannia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Cape gardenia, Candlewood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It is evergreen. The trunk is slender and straight. It can be 10 m high. The branches go out horizontal and droop down at the ends. The leaves are opposite, with an odd third leaf. The leaves are crowded towards the ends of branches. The crown is narrow. The flowers are at the ends of branches. They occur singly and are white with red streaks inside. The fruit is round and 7 cm across. They are green.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in forest and on rocky hillsides.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The seeds should be removed from the pith then germinate easily. Seeds should not be allowed to dry out. Seeds germinate in 14 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows moderately quickly.

NOTES

There are 30 Rothmannia species.

PICTURES



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