PLANT FACT SHEET

Ximenia americana var. microphylla Welw.

GENUS *Ximenia* **FAMILY** Olacaceae

COMMON NAMES Small sour plum, Blue sourplum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seed - oil

The fruit are eaten. They can be used for jams or jelly.
The fruit are dried and added to cereal porridges.
The seed from the kernel is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4 m tall. It has straight, slender spines. The bark is dark brown with small square scales. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are somewhat fleshy and folded along the midrib. The flowers occur as 2 or more in a group in the axils of the leaves. The fruit are oval and fleshy and yellow to red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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